

RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2012

Attending: K. Conway; C. Deming; C. Grillo; B. Parker; V. Parkus; M. Roberts; E. Smith; T. Quinn
Absent: J. Gowac; M. Michalski
Also Present: H. Thomas (left at 7:20 p.m.)

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 17, 2011, December 12, 2011, and January 19, 2012 were reviewed.

MR. PARKUS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2011, DECEMBER 12, 2011, AND JANUARY 19, 2012 MEETINGS AS WRITTEN. MR. CONWAY ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE ON THE NOVEMBER 17TH MINUTES, MR. PARKER AND MR. PARKUS ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE ON THE DECEMBER 12TH MINUTES, AND MR. GOWAC, MR. MICHALSKI, MR. PARKER AND MR. SMITH ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE ON THE JANUARY 19TH MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY OF AYES.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Quinn advised that she had been unable to get budget numbers from the Finance Department for this meeting.

MR. PARKUS MADE A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THIS MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. GRILLO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Guest and Audience

A. Mr. Harvey Thomas, Board of Finance Liaison

Mr. Thomas and the Commissioners had discussed the Parks & Receptions 2012-13 budget prior to the meeting. Mr. Thomas stayed for a short while after the meeting was called to order and discussed long term needs/goals of the Commission that were not currently allocated for in their budget. The Commissioners discussed the need for an additional gym and soccer fields and a track.

Ms. Quinn stated that the First Selectman would like to designate the old Middle School grounds as a general recreation area and there was a discussion about upgrades to the playing fields there. Mr. Parker informed Mr. Thomas that the Recreation Commission had allocated funds in their current budget for improvements to the soccer field at the old Middle School.

Mr. Thomas complimented the Commissioners on the good work they were doing and told them he was available at any time to discuss their financing needs. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Thomas for meeting with them.

Correspondence

Ms. Quinn reported that she had received correspondence from the principal of the elementary school in which she forwarded a letter from the 3rd grade. Ms. Quinn explained that the 3rd grade's solar project in the school's gym had been destroyed twice by activities in the gym and that the students were very upset. She read both letters to the Commissioners and stated she would respond to the principal and the 3rd grade teacher.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports given at the meeting.

Director's Report

Ms. Quinn reported on the following:

- ▶ The First Selectman was looking into ways to make the gym in the old Middle School available to more programs by heating it and improving the bathroom facilities. Ms. Quinn advised, however, that he has not yet found a solution to those issues.
- ▶ The Town is considering purchasing the Fisher building in Moodus to house its emergency services and the Parks & Recreation office. She participated in a tour of the building and stated that the location is a good one for her office.
- ▶ She received a complaint about the noise from the Sportsmen's Club frightening the dogs at the dog park. Ms. Quinn advised that, since the Sportsmen's Club is a private property, she referred the individual to the Land Use office.
- ▶ The Parks & Recreation Commission submitted a Memorandum of Understanding to Youth & Family Services indicating that it would support that organization's Asset Building program through the Commission's hiring practices. Ms. Quinn advised that Youth & Family Services requested the Memo so it could be included with a grant application they are submitting.

Ms. Quinn distributed a draft job description for the position of Waterfront/Aquatics Director for the Commissioners' review. MR. PARKUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. GRILLO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business

A. Bootcamp

Mr. Parker stated that it appears that the Bootcamp instructor has incorporated the Rec Commission guidelines that came out of the joint sub-committee meetings into the program and Ms. Quinn agreed. She also advised that Ms. Marzano had formed an LLC and Nancy is now being paid through that corporation.

New Business

A. Basketball – Suggestions for Next Year

Ms. Quinn advised that there is a problem with some of the basketball teams delaying the games by not moving past the volleyball lines. There was a general discussion about the issue and the Commissioners felt it was the responsibility of the referees to keep the game moving. Mr. Parker said he would attend the games this weekend and try to resolve the problem.

Ms. Quinn also reported that several parents have requested the basketball program go back to establishing the teams through try-outs and ratings. She advised that there has been a problem in the past with participants not showing up for try-outs. Mr. Smith suggested holding several mandatory clinics prior to the beginning of the season and use them as an opportunity to rate the players for setting up the teams.

B. Meeting Schedule for March

Ms. Quinn advised that she will not be available to attend the March meeting. The Commissioners discussed the schedule and agreed to cancel the March 15th meeting and move the April 19th meeting up to April 12th.

C. Survey Results

Ms. Quinn distributed copies of the responses she received from a recent Parks & Recreation Commission survey. The Commissioners reviewed the comments and discussed several of them.

Adjournment

There being no additional business to discuss, MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon R. Wheeler
Recording Secretary