

RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2010

Attending: K. Conway; C. Deming; M. Michalski; B. Parker; V. Parkus; E. Smith, T. Quinn
Guest: J. Rozniak

Brad Parker called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the July 22, 2010 meeting. MS. DEMING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 22, 2010 MEETING AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MICHALSKI AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Quinn requested that, in Mr. Gowac's absence, they dispense with the Treasurer's Report. The Commissioner's agreed with her request.

Guest and Audience

Mr. Parker introduced Ms. Rozniak and invited her to address the Commissioners. Ms. Rozniak informed the Commissioners that the Senior Center has undertaken a project to turn the field below the Center into a walking park. She stated that the Lions Club has committed to assist them with the project and they are currently in the planning and fund-raising stage. She displayed two plans for the park and stated that she has discussed the project with the Boards of Selectmen and Finance. She noted that both Boards support the project and that the Board of Finance had recommended she meet with the Parks and Rec Commission because, when the park is completed, it will be turned over to them to maintain. There was a general discussion about maintenance needs and budgeting for the park.

MR. PARKUS MADE A MOTION TO SEND A LETTER O THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT T WHICH INCLUDES THE COMMISSION'S RECOGNITION THAT, ONCE THE PARK IS COMPLETED, IT WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THEM FOR MAINTENANCE. MR. SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Rozniak for her presentation and requested that she get back to them after the committee decides on a final design for proposal. Ms. Rozniak invited the Commissioners to attend any of the committee meetings and suggested that one of the Commissioners might consider acting as a liaison on the committee for Parks and Rec.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence discussed at the meeting.

Committee Reports

A. Music on the River

Ms. Quinn reported that the Music on the River account had a balance of approximately \$1800. She noted that the amount was half of the previous year's final balance. The Commissioners' agreed with the committee's recommendation that they should not book any group for consecutive years. They also agreed

with Ms. Quinn's and Ms. Deming's recommendation that the Commissioners should make the final decision on the groups to book, based on the committee's recommendation.

B. Soccer

Ms. Quinn stated that the soccer program was going very well and the coaches like using the program of age-specific drills Mr. Grillo had provided. She also advised the Mr. Ryczek requested gym-space for an indoor girl's soccer program for grades 6 thru 11.

C. Basketball

Ms. Quinn stated that she and Mr. Smith would meet immediately after this meeting to discuss the basketball program.

Director's Report

Ms. Quinn reported on the following items:

- Youth & Family Services has funds to build a skateboard park at the old Middle School and is planning on moving the project forward.
- She had her annual review with the First Selectman and they agreed to meet weekly so that she can be more fully informed about decisions that affect the Parks and Rec department.
- The First Selectman is considering her request for a part-time secretary.

Old Business

A. Nichols Field Playground

Ms. Quinn reported there were a number of issues that were encountered with the construction of the playground; however, it is nearing completion. She noted that Public Works did a great job installing the swing set.

New Business

Ms. Quinn noted that she would like to take advantage of the Moodus Reservoir drawdown and solicited suggestions on how to improve the Town beach's swimming area. There were several suggestions discussed and Ms. Quinn agreed to speak with Public Works to see if they can assist in anyway.

She also stated that the tennis courts at the old Middle School are falling into disrepair but noted that they are not under the Parks and Rec administration.

MS. DEMING MADE A MOTION TO SEND A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN REQUESTING THE TENNIS COURTS AT THE OLD MIDDLE SCHOOL BE PLACED UNDER THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY TO MANAGE. MR. MICHALSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon R. Wheeler
Recording Secretary