

## Park & Recreation Commission

### Minutes

May 3, 2011

#### Attendance:

Robert G. Potter, Director  
Joseph Schettino, Chairman  
Harry Swaun, V. Chairman  
Michael Sutyla

Robert Neri  
Robert Karcich  
Bonnie Finkeldey  
Linda Diamond (absent)

#### Minutes:

Minutes of April 5, 2011: Under Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee: Remove: “Mr. Karcich will look into drawing up some regulations for the Dog Park”. Mr. Sutyla motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Finkeldey seconded motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Correspondence:

**Request from Men’s Softball League:** They would like permission to use the Peters’ Concession Stand during their softball games (if they get permission, they will bring it back to their membership). They would like to raise money for a Jox Box for Lupone Field and hopefully get some more money for the Light Timers. Mrs. Finkeldey motioned to approve the request. Mr. Neri seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Sub-Committee Reports:

Mr. Schettino asked if there were any Sub-Committee Reports.

**Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee:** Mrs. Finkeldey reported that they passed P & Z. The asbestos & paint issues are being handled by the Department of Public Works. The P & R Commission asked the Dog Park Committee to bring their site plans to the next P & R Commission meeting.

#### Old Business:

##### Action Items:

**Develop Additional Field at IRRC – Cream Pot Road:** Nothing to discuss at this time.

**Town Beach Project: Concession Stand/Restroom** – We broke ground and ran into a septic line which had some asbestos. The problem was found and solve within a day. The Committee decided on using two different color blocks for the building. We will have to eventually have to repaint the other buildings. The Concession: the corian counter – we will most likely opt for stainless steel. We will also do a corner stone “2011”. The \$19,000.00, originally in CEC for beach sand, is no longer available to us for the Beach Project. The new Finance Director said the money can’t sit around in CEC for that long. We would have to go back for a Special Appropriation if we need the money.

**Artificial Turf Field:** A Committee has been appointed: Dennis Donovan, from the Board of Finance, Thomas Vicino from the Board of Selectmen, Joseph Schettino, Harry Swaun & Robert Neri all from the P & R Commission, Robert Potter, P & R Director and Michael Mozzochi, from the Community. Bid documents will be available May 12<sup>th</sup> and the bid opening will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### New Business:

**Next P & R Meeting:** will be held on June 7, 2011.

## **P & R Minutes 2011 5 3 (continued)**

Mr. Sutyla motioned to add Geraldine & Suzanne Artis to the agenda. Mrs. Finkeldey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Geraldine and Suzanne Artis presented the Commission with a list of concerns regarding the P & R Youth Basketball Program. They have been involved with both our basketball and soccer program and wanted to know why our basketball program couldn't be run more like our soccer program. Mr. Schettino pointed out that our Soccer program is supported by the State-wide Soccer Program; we are part of the CJSA. It isn't fair to compare one program to the other. The instruction in Soccer couldn't be done without the support and funds raised by our yearly Soccer Tournament. Every Referee in Soccer is re-certified at the State Level. The Basketball Program doesn't have access to this type of support.

Mr. Karcich left at 7:52 p.m.

Every dollar raised by Soccer goes right back into the Soccer program in either equipment, clinics, programs, etc. Mr. Sutyla: maybe you can help with establishing a booster club of some kind. Mr. Swaun: doesn't agree with item #4, you can't intimidate refs, a call made stays. Mr. Pete Thompson, who is a certified ref, does a great job with our refs. Mr. Potter met with Geraldine earlier in the season to discuss some issues. We will look at what you submitted and meet prior to next season and see what we will address first. I also plan on meeting with our Coordinators and Lois to discuss this with them prior to next season.

Geraldine and Suzanne Artis left at 8:23 p.m.

**New High School Issue:** Mr. Swaun – this Town definitely needs two gyms, we can't get by with one large gym. He is suggesting that if the Town decides to build a new High School, the Town should save the existing gyms, auditorium and fields and turn them over to Park and Recreation for our use.

**IRRC Dugouts/Press Booth:** Mr. Neri – the dugouts were painted and the Press Booth was almost completed. The front of the Press Booth couldn't be reached. The Director stated that P & R will take care of finishing the paint job.

### **Director's Report:**

#### **IRRC Complex:**

**Baseball & Soccer Scoreboards:** both scoreboards have power issues and we are addressing them. They may have to be re-conditioned.

**Eugene Stickney Scoreboard:** The Rotary Club will pay for it. They will also pay to go wireless and to re-condition the face of the scoreboard.

**P & R Summer Programs:** Lois gave the Commission a list of all of the Summer Programs we have to offer this year. The only program that isn't list is the Swimming Lesson schedule which we will have in a couple of weeks. There is a little something for everyone. Our Summer Show will be "Sweeney Todd".

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Mr. Sutyla motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Finkeldey seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lois A. Ruggiero,  
Assistant to Director