Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 14, 2014

Present:
Fran Frattini – Chairman
John Wrenn – Director
Kris Fazzone
William Butts
Stan Greenbaum

Absent:
Karen Kellett
Denise DePalma
Scott Berlinger

Guests:
A number of guests were present in the audience all for the purpose of pavilion rental.

Call to order:
Chairman Frattini called the April 14, 2014 Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:22 PM.

Minutes:
A motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting minutes was made by Kris Fazzone. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously.

Pavilion Rentals:
1. Mrs. Cook presented an application to rent the Pavilion at the Town Park for a High School Graduation Party on Sunday, June 8, 2014 from 1:00 to 8:00 PM with no more than 50 people. A motion to approve this application was made by Bill Butts and seconded by Stan Greenbaum; motion was voted with all in favor and passed.

2. Rev. Paul Astbury from the Sherman Congregational Church presented an application for the Pavilion for the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:30 AM with approximately one hundred people attending. Kris Fazzone moved to waive the pavilion rental fee for the Church, motion seconded by Stan Greenbaum and voted with all in
favor, motion carried. Kris Fazzone then made a motion to approve the application of the Congregational Church for their Sunrise Service at the Pavilion with the fee waived for their use, motion seconded by Stan Greenbaum and voted with all in favor, motion carried.

3. Paul and Mariah Herwitz presented an application to rent the Pavilion for a party on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from Noon to 5:00 PM with 40 guests. Kris Fazzone then made a motion to approve this application, motion seconded by Stan Greenbaum and voted with all in favor, motion carried.

4. Ms. Coyle presented an application to rent the Pavilion for a baby shower on Sunday, July 27 2014 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM with 50 guests. Kris Fazzone then made a motion to approve this application, motion seconded by Bill Butts and voted with all in favor, motion carried.

5. Dr. Krier presented an application to rent the Pavilion for a family party on Sunday, June 29, 2014 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM with 45 guests. Kris Fazzone then made a motion to approve this application, motion seconded by Bill Butts and voted with all in favor, motion carried.

6. Ms. Hicks presented two applications to rent the Pavilion for a graduation party on Saturday, June 22, 2014 from Noon to 8:00 PM with 50 guests and for a birthday party on Saturday, August 16, 2014 from Noon to 8:00 PM with 25 guests. Stan Greenbaum then made a motion to approve these applications, motion seconded by Bill Butts and voted with all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on the rules for pavilion use followed while Mr. Wrenn copied the applications for the residents indicating approval. All applicants have paid the required fee and were told that a $100 refundable deposit is required when they pick up the key. After they were given their approved copies they all left the meeting.

The commission discussed the need for small groups to attend a Commission meeting for pavilion rental and it was decided that it would no longer be necessary – Stan Greenbaum moved that Mr. Wrenn may handle applications for the rental of the Pavilion for groups of 50 or less, motion seconded by Bill Butts and voted with all in favor. In the future applicants for groups not to exceed fifty (50) the Park and Rec. Director may approve it, the same as for other Park and Rec. facilities. Any rentals that would require a fee waiver must still be brought to the Commission.

Correspondence:
A number of items were covered in correspondence:

- Benches at the Tennis Court need to be replaced – possible Eagle Scout Project
- Contact with FirstLight Power regarding replacing these benches.
- Residents taking wood from Colonial Park Logging – with waiver and no liability to Town
- PlayScape bolts loose or missing – reported to Facilities Manager
- Docks – possibility of obtaining used Docks from Cottonwood Cove Marina

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• Veterans’ Field Toilet Facility – electronic locks on doors (included in budget proposal for building refurbishing)
• Board of Ed member saw the Park and Rec. motion made last month that was defeated regarding the charge by the BOE for the electricity use during summer camp noting that the BOE member was unaware of this.
• Candlewood Yacht Club Intro to Sailing class. *Kris Fazzone moved to participate in the Candlewood Yacht Club Intro to Sailing classes to be held June 28th, July 5th, August 2nd and August 9th. Seconded by Stan Greenbaum and voted with all in favor. Motion carried.*

**Old Business:**

• Boating course – after checking with the Lake Patrol was advised that the course could be given after May 15th – decided to wait until fall or next spring.
• Possibility of a Fun-Run in late October to benefit Park and Rec. and the 8th Grade class trip – told to formulate plan and present to Director. All agreed it was a good idea. Stan Greenbaum moved to approve the Fun-Run pending the particulars, seconded by Bill Butts, voted with all in favor, Kris Fazzone abstained. Motion carried.
• Mr. Greenbaum advised that the Housing Commission, after word from DOT, has agreed to keep the driveway for the Senior Housing near the stonewall south of the present Park/Church entrance.

**New Business:**

• Starting dates for Summer Camp were discussed and barring any additional snow/flood days camp will start the week of June 23rd and run for 6 weeks.

**Director’s Report:**

• Stan Greenbaum noted the importance of a committee made up of members from the School, Park and Rec., Buildings and Town Crew to work with Frank Spaziani to look at all facilities and create a schedule of maintenance and repairs
• John Wrenn distributed a revised Park and Recreation Facilities inventory with maintenance needs.
• Mr. Wrenn reported that there are 7 or 8 docks available and tomorrow (April 15th) they will be available to non-town residents for a fee of $1100.00
• A new line machine and paint has been purchased for the fields.
• SPARK has been averaging 9 children a day – Care for Kids (a State Agency) owes for a family.
• Basketball is over, Karate is still in session, and Skiing at Thunder Ridge waiting for a bill. Beach sand has been purchased this year.
• Balance in the checking account is $4,431.84 with expenses for March for tee shirts for basketball, eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and wages for the Basketball helpers. No deposits in March.
• Mr. Wren distributed a proposed letter to the Bock Dock Renters with the new procedure beginning this year requiring them to stop at the office to pick up their slip assignments, beach stickers and Boat Mooring Guidelines. All agreed to send this letter.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to adjourn the April 10, 2014 Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at 9:12 PM. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix
Recording Secretary

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These minutes are not considered official until they have been approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission.