Call to order:
Chairman Fran Frattini called the August 13, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:23pm.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications:
• Barbara Richardson had requested use of the Town Park and the pavilion for an annual Cub Scout campout and breakfast on Friday night, September 14. The event would be concluded before 10AM Saturday, September 15. There was a discussion.

  Kris Fazzone made a motion to approve the request for use of the pavilion and the Town Park for the Cub Scout Camp-out on September 14 and 15 and for the fee to be waived. The motion was seconded by T.J. Fazzone and passed unanimously.

• It was noted that the CLA’s annual lake-wide clean up scheduled for the Saturday before Memorial Day had to be cancelled due to the micro-burst/tornado in mid-May. The CLA’s first choice for a rescheduled clean up is a date in October in New Fairfield. However CLA is requesting a back-up date at Sherman Town Park on September 22 or
29. Pontoon boats would be parked on the beach and a barbecue held in the pavilion. There was a discussion.

*Kris Fazzone made a motion to approve the CLA’s request for use of the pavilion and the Town Park as a back-up plan for the lake-wide clean-up event on September 22 or 29 and for the fee to be waived. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously.*

**Minutes from July 9, 2018 Meeting:**

*A motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Meeting was made by Stan Greenbaum, seconded by T.J. Fazzone and voted with all in favor.*

**Public Comment:**

Susan Darinzo attended the meeting to express her interest in the supervisory position at the ASP program that will be vacated by Danielle Christie who is moving out of state soon. There was a discussion including questions asked of Ms. Darinzo and details about the responsibilities of an ASP supervisor. The Commission shared some of its goals for the program and highlighted their wish for more special events to increase participation. The Commission thanked Ms. Darinzo for her time and for her interest in the ASP program.

**Correspondence:**

Don Lowe had sent an email to the Commission stating that he had been contacted with requests to address the noise from loud music on the lake, both during the day and late at night. In the email, Mr. Lowe had suggested putting up a sign at the launch areas asking for boaters to be respectful of other when playing music on the lake. There was a detailed discussion, including the history of noise complaints, the fact that CLA can only enforce boating law that does not presently include noise other than from engines and possible involvement by all 5 towns’ Lake Authority CEO’s to work on this issue. There was a discussion. It was noted that although the Commission was sympathetic to the concerns of residents, it did not want to put up yet another sign at the Town Park. It was decided that what might be most effective is a notice requesting courteous noise levels be attached to boat-slip registration information packet as well as physically handing notice to owners of boats using the town park boat launch. When Don Lowe arrived at the meeting 8:00, the Commission summarized the discussion, continued the discussion with him and requested that he contact the CEO’s of the other lake town’s about the noise issue. It was also noted that the Candlewood Lake Authority is working on a courteous boating initiative to be on their social media pages.
- There was discussion about dogs at the Veterans’ Field and how many dog owners are not picking up after their dogs, as reported by the Public Works Department. This occurs often even though “doggie bags” are provided for dog owners. The discussion included the possibility of banning dogs on Park and Rec. property altogether and increased involvement by the Dog Warden. Don Lowe noted that he was addressing this topic in his published column this week, as well as looking into more enforcement including getting citation ticket books printed for use by the dog warden.

- It was noted that a new resident state trooper has been assigned, Wayne Tate.

Maintenance and Repair:
- Staining of the pavilion will be done after Labor Day but the power washing will most likely be done before Labor Day.

- It was noted that a pipe was leaking into the garage at the Town Park building used by the CLA. The garage is partially used by CLA and partially by Park and Recreation for storage. The agreement between Park and Recreation and the CLA was reviewed and it appears that the CLA is responsible for repairs and remediation of mold, etc. resulting from the leak that is apparently coming from the pipes under the floor to the offices of CLA. The CLA will be advised. It will be looked into before winter.

Facility Report:
- John Wrenn had requested an extra gallon of the original paints from the tennis court company to use for regular touch-ups and to try to cover the swath of white stain that had appeared on the courts a few months ago.

- There was a discussion about CLA storage in Park and Rec’s storage cabin.

- It was discussed that there was picnicking at the south ramp of the park by unauthorized visitors, they left trash and a very unsanitary condition. The Gate guards will be advised to look out for this type of activity and contact the proper authorities. Also discussed was possibly putting up a sign that says “No Parking Beyond This Point” at the end of the split rail fence at the Town Park to keep the area clear of unauthorized vehicles.
• Parking issues at the Colonial Field soccer field area were discussed, including possible signs designating area for soccer parking. Mr. Wrenn will take care of this.

Old Business/New Business:
• Lifeguard hours were discussed.
• ASP Supervisor position was discussed.
• Tennis court project was discussed including the fact that the Commission never received the itemized bill from the contractor that they had requested.
• This coming Sunday (August 19th) is the Senior Concert at 4:00. In addition Good Time Charlies concert was cancelled on August 12 and needs to be rescheduled to a date to be determined. Possible open dates were discussed. (This concert will be held on Saturday, September 22, from 3:00 – 6:00. This date was decided upon after the meeting.)
• There is no update on the latest Eagle Scout project.

Director's Report:
• Junior Camp had 36 enrolled; Senior Camp had 99 enrolled.
• Extended afternoon hours at camp had 25 enrolled; early hours had 15.
• Swim Lessons had 60 participants.
• Paddleboard Camp had 15 enrollees. Only one adult was interested in lessons.
• There were 16 enrolled in Tennis Camp.
• There were no enrollees for Baseball Camp and it was cancelled.
• There were only 2 enrollees in Soccer Camp so it will be cancelled unless more children sign up by Thursday.
• There are 3 signed up for the Tennis Ladder.
• The quality of water in one faucet in the pavilion bathroom has been below standards and therefore not potable all summer.
• The composting toilet at Veterans’ field was pumped out for a cost $200.
• The new windscreens are in the Park and Recreation office and Mr. Wrenn is trying to get the town crew to put them up. The screens are heavy and need to be installed high up on the fence so a whole crew is need to install them safely.

• The last of the new docks was installed. There is a problem with the D-9 slip and no big boats can be put in there.

• The checking account report was shared with the Commission.

• The search for a new ASP supervisor has yielded few results. It suggested that Indeed.com be used to help in the search.

Kris Fazzone made a motion to adjourn the August 13, 2018 Sherman Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Fran Frattini and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix
Recording Secretary

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission is September 10, 2018

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