Sherman Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 14, 2018

Present:  Absent:
Fran Frattini-Chairman  Stan Greenbaum
Karen Kellett  William Butts
John Wrenn-Director  Kris Fazzone
T.J. Fazzone
Denise DePalma

Guests:
There were no guests.

Call to order:
Chairman Fran Frattini called the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Minutes from April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting:
A motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting was made by Denise DePalma, seconded by Karen Kellett and voted with all in favor.

Pavilion and Facilities Use:
John Wrenn listed a large number of pavilion rentals, both full day and partial days, through June and July. No requests that needed Commission approval were presented.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Correspondence:
1. John Wrenn had received a thank you card from Eilish Foy for Park and Recreation's support and advice related to her benefit “Kids for the Cure5K” event that netted about $1,200 for breast cancer research.
2. Denise DePalma had received a request from Dave Wonsley to do 2 concerts as part of the department's Summer Concert Series at the Town Park. There was a
discussion. It was noted that the commission is hoping to hire Mr. Wonsey's jazz group for one concert. Other bands are being considered for the other 2 paid slots for concerts. It was noted that a free concert would be welcome. Other performers were discussed.

**Maintenance and Repair:**

1. Fran Frattini noted that the bids were in, a firm was selected and work is scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day for the bathroom facility at Veterans Field. Mike Moga Fine Cabinetry was chosen with a bid of $11,716.

2. The grill at the Town Park will be installed soon. It was noted that a sign will be stenciled on or near the grill that reads “Charcoal Only” and there will be a special lock on the base so it does not swivel: both actions per instruction of the Fire Marshall.

3. Denise DePalma noted that 2 swing seats at the beach playground need repair or replacement. Mr. Wrenn will take care of having this done.

4. Kayak racks were discussed, including best placement for oversized kayaks.

5. Bubbles on the surface of the tennis courts are not visible and may have flattened out naturally over time. It was noted that the courts are getting plenty of regular use.

6. There is progress on the replacement of the faucets in the bathrooms at the beach, an action that was required after a state inspection.

7. The bench at the Town Park by beach playground is in need of repair, perhaps just scraping and painting. Mr. Wrenn will look into it.

**Facility Report:**

1. Work on the docks was scheduled to start today, May 14. There are at least 25 docks that are not useable at this time. Mr. Wrenn had received a message that repairs should be done within the week.

2. There was a discussion concerning the border between the soccer fields and the Community Garden at Colonial Field. It was noted that the soccer field's boundary may have encroached upon the gardens over the last few years. Fence location was discussed. There was a request to have mowing of Colonial Field done closer to the weekend so the fields would be in better shape for weekend soccer games. Mr. Wrenn will see what can be done.

**Old Business/New Business:**

1. The budget was discussed. $120,763 was approved which included the new swim buoys, staining of the pavilion and the windscreens for the tennis courts. Now the department can order new buoys and the painting of the pavilion can be contracted. The increase in the hourly rate for Park and Recreation clerk position to $15 was discussed. It was noted that the rate for all Commission clerks was increased. The Park and Recreation clerk also performs additional duties beyond the meeting minutes for the Commission, such as working on the summer brochure and running the annual Egg Hunt. A motion to increase the rate for any extra work done by the Park and Recreation Commission's clerk to $15 was made by Denise DePalma, seconded by T.J. Fazzone and voted with all in favor.

2. John Wrenn noted that no one will be allowed to sign up for camp or swim lessons during the first 2 days of those programs since he will still be in school and the office will not be open.

*See below.*
3. Two weeks of youth Paddle-board Camp will be offered this summer. Camp for adults is being investigated.
4. The pine tree in section D of boat docks is being removed due to the sap that gets all over nearby slips. There was a discussion about possibly planting another different kind of tree in its place. There was further discussion about Arbor Day and the Garden Club.
5. There was a discussion about a possible new session for a Drumming Circle.

**Director's Report:**
1. All garden plots except one were rented and paid for.
2. All kayaks racks were rented except #7 and #13.
3. 45 beach passes had been given out already.
4. The Safe Boating Course was sold out with 45 participants and it went very well. The two instructors enjoyed the venue and would like to return to teach another course in the future.
5. ASP did well over the past month with more than 5 children per day and should end the year with a healthy balance. Two special event days were offered. Lack of gym space after school was discussed, as well as possibly offering water games and Bingo. Pickle-ball was discussed.
6. There have not been any applicants for the Waterfront Supervisor position.
7. Now that the budget has passed, Mr. Wrenn can hire bands for the Summer Concert Series. To date he has scheduled Dave Wonsey and Friends jazz group for Sunday July 1 from 4pm -7pm. Karen Kellett is working on the other 2 openings for bands. The Commission on Aging is planning a concert geared toward folks over 50 with performers who are also over 50 on Sunday, August 19 at 4:00.

T.J. Fazzone made a motion to adjourn the May 14, 2018 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Denise DePalma and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix
Recording Secretary

*Since this meeting the schools have been closed for 3 full days due to the storm on May 16. The school year will be lengthened and therefore the start date of camp and swim lessons will need to be postponed. New dates will be announced soon.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission is June 11, 2018

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