Sherman Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 9, 2018

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

Guests:  Jennifer Suess

Call to order:
Chairman Fran Frattini called the July 9, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:24pm.

Minutes from June 18, 2018 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Special Meeting:
A motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Special Meeting was made by Denise DePalma, seconded by Stan Greenbaum and voted with all in favor. Minutes accepted as written.

Public Comment:
Jennifer Suess identified herself as a New Milford resident who organizes tennis games for a group of home-schooling families. She requested use of the Sherman courts and had a few dates in mind. She stated that no member of the group was a Sherman resident. There was a discussion. It was noted that non-residents could not reserve Sherman facilities but that Ms. Suess’s group could use the courts if they were not already in use by a scheduled group, such as on Saturdays when there are tennis lessons or when a resident has reserved them.
Correspondence:
1. John Wrenn read a letter to the Commission from a boat slip renter, Lesley Dalgleish, detailing complaints he had about the boat slip assignment process. There was a discussion. The consensus of the Commission was that they had confidence in John Wrenn’s ability to manage the boat slip process and that they would be in touch with Mr. Dalgleish and invite him to attend a future Park and Recreation Commission meeting if he wished.
2. There was a letter from Tammy Ann and Andrew Witt in support of the ASP program, including praise for the staff especially during the May 15th extreme weather conditions. The Witt’s stated that the program provides them peace of mind and that it would have a negative effect on the community if it were cancelled.

Pavilion and Facilities Use:
There were no applications for pavilion or facilities use.

Maintenance and Repair:
a. Staining of the pavilion at the town Park was discussed. It had been determined previously that Frannie O'Rourke would be doing the work in the fall.
b. The grill at the pavilion is secured properly but still needs the words “For Charcoal Only” stenciled on the side.
c. The new Swim buoys are installed and look very good and long lasting.
d. Bathroom facility renovations at Veterans Field are completed with the exception of the timed locks that are installed but not yet functioning. There was a discussion.
e. John Wrenn detailed efforts by Donny Borkowski to repair the steps on the playground at Veterans Field. Mr. Borkowski had done a very nice job placing rubber non-skid treads over the steps that had been cracking. Someone had ripped all of them off and placed them in a pile near the steps. There was a discussion about this vandalism including possible remedies.
f. Denise DePalma reported that the Community gardeners were thrilled with the newly installed water tank. The Fire Department fills it every week and Don Lowe installed a hose. It was noted that a sign is needed on the water tank that says, “Not for drinking”. Dogs at the garden were discussed.

Facilities Report:
a. Boat slip rules say that nothing can be attached to the boat docks but there are big red bumpers attached to a dock at the Town Park.
b. John Wrenn reported that Tucker has not returned his calls regarding the progress on the floating section of docks. (Subsequent to the meeting Mr. Wrenn was advised that the new floating section will be installed the week of July 16th)
c. It was reported that there is a classic green canoe that has been left on the top of the kayak rack. It is not supposed to be there and will be removed and placed near the Park and Rec. garage.
d. The bumps on the tennis courts are gone. The stain that appeared last month on the courts is some sort of milky substance. John Wrenn has left 4 messages for R&S, the company that installed the courts, but there have been no responses. The hope is that they have a solution for removing the stain and that they could provide some of the original paint for when the courts need to be touched up and/or repainted.
Old Business/New Business:
1. Fran Frattini sent James Day a letter regarding the status of his proposed Eagle Scout project. There was a discussion about the need for a Park and Recreation contact person.
2. Stan Greenbaum reported on the “Sustainable Diet” workshop he had run recently. It was a success and he hopes that more workshops will be offered in the near future. The basic idea of the workshop was to teach what is good for you, good for the planet and affordable. There was suggestion to have workshop that included a meal to highlight the points being made.
3. Stan Greenbaum met with a well digger regarding Colonial Field. There was a discussion including various uses for well water, like a water fountain or a bathroom. There was a discussion about a possible composting toilet facility at Colonial, as well as the inadequate parking there. In addition, the possibility of relocating the Community Gardens to the orchard at the top of the Town Meadows at Volunteer Park.
4. Denise DePalma requested a bench at the Community Gardens. There was a discussion.

Denise DePalma made a motion to purchase a bench to be installed at the Community Gardens. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and voted all in favor. It was noted that if one were available it would be used and not purchased.

Director's Report:
• There have been 5 deposits so far for 2018-19 ASP and there is a reasonable balance in the account. The Director of ASP, Danielle Christie, will be moving away in the fall so the Commission will be looking for a replacement. Discussion followed about possible activities to kick-off a new school year. T.J. Fazzone made a motion that the Park and Recreation Department continue the ASP program in the coming school year given the fact that there are 5 deposits for the year as well as a reasonable balance in the account. The motion was seconded by Denise DePalma and voted all in favor.

• Junior camp has 34 enrolled; Senior Camp has 88.
• Swim Lessons have 16 in the first session, 14 in the second and 7 in the third.
• Allie Moravsky is the new Waterfront Director.
• There are 9 enrolled in Paddleboard Camp this week.
• Stan Greenbaum reviewed possible software programs to help manage Park and Recreation registrations.
• The Summer Concert Series has begun and will include After Hours on August 5, Good Time Charlies on August 12 and the Senior Concert on August 19. All of these concerts are from 4:00 – 7:00 at the pavilion at the Town Park.
• Tennis lessons start this Saturday with 7 enrolled so far.
• There are no sign-ups for Baseball Camp yet and 2 for Soccer Camp.
• The ice cream man gave his annual $200 donation.
Income/expense report was shared with the Commission and the June checking account report showed $3,362.38, which is mostly ASP related funds.

T.J. Fazzone made a motion to adjourn the July 9, 2018 Sherman Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53PM.

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 August 13, 2018

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