Sherman Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 13, 2018

Present:
Fran Frattini-Chairman
Karen Kellett
Denise DePalma
Stan Greenbaum
John Wrenn-Director (arrived 7:30PM)

Absent:
William Butts
Kris Fazzone
T.J. Fazzone

Guests:  James Day, Life Scout BSA Troop 48 (left 7:45PM)
         Don Lowe (arrived 7:30PM left 7:55PM)

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

Minutes from October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting
A motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting was made by Denise DePalma, seconded by Stan Greenbaum and voted with all in favor. Minutes accepted as written.

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Eagle Scout Project Update (from Item 7 non the Agenda)
James Day presented the Commission with a new Eagle Scout Project to construct a Cornhole area near the Tennis Courts, Mrs. Frattini advised that the Commission had previously discussed this and requested that the location be at the Town Park across from the playground to the south of the White cabin. Dissection of the project followed – noting that this location would not require FirstLight Power approval as it is above the Project Boundary. Mr. Day noted that there would be stone around the Cornhole boards and the Commission requested that it be "Playground" Mulch. During discussion First Selectman Lowe arrived and advised the Commission on his efforts on this project and noted that he will take care of securing any permits i.e. Zoning, Wetlands, Building etc. that may be required. Park and
Recreation will oversee the project, Stan Greenbaum will be the contact person for Mr. Day and Mrs. Frattini will sign off on the Eagle Packet i.e. Proposal and Completion. 

Denise DePalma made a motion to approve the proposed Eagle Scout Project to construct Cornhole at the Town Park, seconded by Karen Kellett and voted with all in favor. Good luck to James on his trail to Eagle.

Mr. Day left the meeting.

Correspondence:
1. Mrs. Frattini advised the Commission of correspondence from the First Selectman/Board of Selectman regarding the two benches that are presently stored at the Town Garage which were Kyle Thomson’s Eagle Scout Project back in 2014 to replace the rotted benches at the Tennis Court. Mrs. Frattini advised that the benches were removed for the construction of the new courts and not reinstalled. Discussion between First Selectman Lowe and the Commission followed noting that preferably two but at least one bench be reinstalled at the Tennis Courts (as these benches were already there, no new approval from FLPR is required).

2. Mrs. Frattini then advised of additional correspondence from the BOS regarding benches at the Town Boat Dock area. Mrs. Frattini noted that there had been benches there many years ago but were never replaced after they had rotted away. Therefore, any new benches in that area which is below the Project Boundary will need approval from FLPR – Mr. Lowe advised that he would handle this and any permits that may be required. It was suggested that the bench from Jack Day’s Eagle Scout Project that is stored at Volunteer Park could be moved to this area after all necessary approvals are received.

Mr. Lowe left the meeting.

Facilities Use:
There were no applications for facilities

Maintenance and Repairs:
Denise DePalma asked about having a Parka and Recreation Malignance person, discussion followed and it was suggested that it be included in the 2019/2020 budget request with the job description and need for such a position.

Mr. Wrenn advised that he has arranged for the pavilion to be winterized, the bathhouse at Veterans Field will be open till mid-December and then the Porta-pot will be there, also there is a loose wall panel in the bathhouse, the contractor will be called to take care of this.

Facilities:
Mr. Wrenn advised the docks are out, the tennis court nets will be up till the end of November, and two boats are still at the docks – they have been contacted to remove them.

There was a question regarding Pickle Ball – It is bring your own equipment as Park and Rec. does not have any.

New Business/Old Business:
Eagle Scout project was discussed earlier. It was shortly discussed again here noting that the court will be parallel with the road so that they will not be throwing toward the road. Mr. Greenbaum will be meeting with the scout to set the location.
Meeting dates for 2019 were reviewed noting that the Commission will meet on the second Monday of each month except for October and November when they will meet on the first Monday due to conflict with legal holidays. The list will be filed with the Town Clerk in a timely manner.

Nominations of officers for the coming year followed:
Karen Kellett nominated Fran Frattini for Chairman, seconded by Stan Greenbaum and voted with all in favor. Fran Frattini nominated Karen Kellett for Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Denise DePalma and voted with all in favor. Fran Frattini and Karen Kellett will again be the officers for 2019.

Mrs. Frattini reported that Bill Butts has decided that he does not wish to be reappointed at the end of his term in December, Mrs. Frattini has advised the First Selectman’s office of this and of the Commission members wishing to be reappointed.

Director's Report
John Wrenn shared the following information:
1. ASP has an average of 5.04 children per day. So far income exceeds expenses.
2. Discussion on the Park and Rec website followed noting that it needs some updating, as it is difficult to navigate.
3. Programs:
   a. Karate will start on Mondays in January,
   b. Basketball is presently on Mondays (children) and Tuesdays (adults),
   c. Volleyball on Wednesdays,
   d. Saturday morning Basketball will begin December 1st.
   e. There is no wrestling program this year.
4. Mr. Wrenn reported that all deposits and check this month were for ASP.
5. Summer Report:
   a. Swimming - 60 lessons
   b. Sr. Camp – 99 campers
   c. Jr. Camp – 36 campers
   d. This year our budgeted summer camp program ran in the black making more than nine thousand dollars - it was noted that should the Park and Rec budget go over in some other area that this additional income should be requested.

Any and All business to come before the Commission:
Denise DePalma reported on her Dog Park research. She visited volunteer Park and believes that a good area would be between the road and Schimpf Pond as there a pine grove there and the pine needles would be a good surface for the dogs. She noted that she learned that at one dog park the volunteers to raise money for the fencing; they sold fence panels and other ideas to raise funds. She will be checking with Newtown, Ridgefield, New Fairfield and New Milford for the rules at their Dog Parks and will continue her research. She also noted that there was a very good article on Dog Parks in the NPRA magazine this month.
With no further business, Stan Greenbaum made a motion to adjourn the November 13, 2018 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Denise DePalma and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett
Park and Recreation Secretary
p/b/ff

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be Monday, December 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*

**2019 Meeting dates as follows:**
**Meetings are at 7:15 PM at MTH**

1. January 14, 2019
2. February 11, 2019
3. March 11, 2019
4. April 08, 2019
5. May 13, 2019
6. June 10, 2019
7. July 08, 2019
8. August 12, 2019
9. September 09, 2019
10. October 07, 2019  (note this is the First Monday)
11. November 04 2019 (note this is the First Monday)
12. December 09, 2019