Sherman Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 13, 2019

Present:  
Fran Frattini-Chairman  
Kris Fazzone  
Rachel Booth  
T.J. Fazzone  
Stan Greenbaum  
John Wrenn-Director

Absent:  
Karen Kellett  
Denise DePalma

Guests: There were no guests.

Call to order:  
Chairman Fran Frattini called the May 13, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:23pm.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications:  
There was a discussion about the applications brought before the Commission.

A motion to approve the Boy Scouts’ application and waive the fee for use of the Pavilion, Beach, Veterans Field and the Town Park for their “Adventures in Scouting” recruiting event on June 1, 2019 from 7am to 9pm, which includes set-up and clean-up time, was made by Stan Greenbaum and seconded by Kris Fazzone and voted with all in favor.

A motion to approve a Boy Scout troop’s application for use of the Beach and to waive the fee if pavilion needed for their “Court of Honor” event on June 17, 2019 was made by Rachel Booth and seconded by T.J. Fazzone and voted with all in favor.
A motion to approve a Boy Scout Troop's application for use of the pavilion for their Eagle Scout Court of Honor on May 25, 2019 and to waive the fee contingent upon the troop's eligibility as a troop with Sherman boys pending additional information to be gathered was made by Stan Greenbaum and seconded by T.J. Fazzone and voted with all in favor.

A motion to approve Boy Scout Troop 48's application for use of the parking lot at the Town Park to park cars overnight for their Green Island Camp-out on June 8 and 9, 2019 was made by Kris Fazzone and seconded by Rachel Booth and voted with all in favor. It was noted that the state trooper will need to be notified that the cars will be left in the Town Park lot overnight.

Minutes from April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting:
A motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting was made by Kris Fazzone, seconded by Rachel Booth and voted with all in favor.

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Correspondence:
There was no correspondence.

Maintenance and Repairs:
1. As of Saturday May 11 the Community Gardens had not been plowed presumably due to the weather.
2. The tennis court windscreens still have not been installed.
3. Some deteriorating hooks at top of swings were removed by Donny Borkowski and replacement parts will be ordered when found

Facilities:
1. The planned rowboat rack was discussed. Fran Frattini shared information about necessary permits that had been granted, diagrams of rack, budget and construction issues. Also discussed were options for materials and possible design modifications. The time frame was discussed and the consensus was that it should be constructed as soon as possible. It will be a two-boat rack and will be about 7 feet long in order to accommodate even the smallest rowboat. It was noted that posts may need to be set into the ground for the greatest stability and to deter illegal removal of rack. Inland Wetlands will be approached for approval of this adjustment to original plan.
2. The chain across at the entrance to Volunteer Field was discussed, including whether or not it should be locked/unlocked each day and who would do this if necessary. Donny Borkowski will be asked his opinion on the matter. The Commission's concern was the possibility of vehicles doing damage to the field if chain was unlocked.
Old/New Business:

a. James Day's Eagle Scout project has been worked on and is nearly completed. There was a discussion about what should be placed, if anything, under the 2 Corn hole games in the form of a weed barrier; weed block and Fibar had been discussed at a previous meeting as a reasonable option. Simply mowing and weed whacking around the games was discussed. Kris Fazzone shared photos of the project in its current stage and there was a subsequent discussion about the specific placement of the game on the field at the Town Park.

b. It was noted that the 2019-20 budget had passed and that very few voters had showed up at the polls.

c. Fran Frattini reminded the Commission that the June meeting had been rescheduled from June 10 to June 17.

d. Stan Greenbaum summed up the goals of the Design and Innovations Committee, of which he is a member. Mr. Greenbaum noted that the goal of the Committee is to explore options for changes to the Sherman School and grounds and to consider every agency in town that is a stakeholder in that effort. The focus is primarily how best to plan for the future; what to do with the kindergarten wing with renovation or demolition with reconstruction being 2 possible options, as well as options for the grounds around the school. It was noted that all the grounds on the upper level are the school's and all the lower level grounds are Park and Recreation's.

Mr. Greenbaum noted that the Committee is in early days of brainstorming, information gathering and connecting interested parties in this discussion. The services of outside consulting firms have been engaged. Initial thoughts were shared, including adult education programming, senior services and additional parking. A possible collaboration between Park and Recreation, the Sherman School and the Senior Center as well as recent trends toward regionalization of towns in Connecticut was discussed.

Mr. Greenbaum requested that the Park and Recreation Commission members put some thought into suggestions for future uses for school building and grounds as well as their vision of Park and Recreation as a community resource and bring ideas to the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting on June 17, 2019. The present lack of a Facilities Manager in town was also discussed.

Director's Report:

John Wrenn shared the following information:

1. John Wrenn shared the checking account report through April 2019.
2. There are a few more weeks left to Saturday morning basketball.
3. The Self-Defense class had only two people signed up and had to be canceled.
4. There is a dog class in the works.
5. Six people had signed up for the Tennis Ladder so far.
6. Kayak racks are basically sold out.
7. The fee for the rowboat rack slots was discussed.

   *Kris Fazzone made a motion to approve a $50 fee for each rowboat rack slot. Motion was seconded by Rachel Booth and voted with all in favor.*

8. There are a few Community Garden plots left for rental.
9. ASP has had an average of 2 participants per day with the exception of one week that had almost 5 per day. The Department should be okay financially to help ASP continue to the end of the school year.
10. Summer camp 2019 will run from June 24 through August 2.
11. Multi-sports Camps run by US Sports Institute will be offered for the two weeks following Junior/Senior Camp season, August 5-9 and 12-16.
12. US Sports Institute Multi-sports Squirts Classes will be held on Saturday mornings for 2-3 and 3-5 year-olds.
13. Dates for Summer Concert series performances were discussed and are to be determined now that the budget has passed. John Wrenn and Karen Kellett will begin contacting bands.

   *Stan Greenbaum made a motion to adjourn the May 13, 2019 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Rachel Booth and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix
Recording Secretary

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