Sherman Park and Recreation Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
March 11, 2019

Present:  
Fran Frattini-Chairman  
Kris Fazzone  
Rachel Booth  
T.J. Fazzone (by phone 7:30 – 7:45 then in person)  
John Wrenn-Director

Absent:  
Karen Kellett  
Denise DePalma  
Stan Greenbaum

Guests: There were no guests.

Call to order:  
Chairman Fran Frattini called the March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Minutes from February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting:  
A motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 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.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications:  
There were no applications for facilities but there have been requests. There was a discussion about the possibility of using online calendars and forms.

Correspondence:  
1. John Wrenn distributed a Park and Recreation Facilities Maintenance checklist that he had developed. It listed necessary daily maintenance tasks for each one of the department's facilities: Town Park, Veterans Park, Colonial Park and Volunteer Park. There was a discussion.
2. Mr. Wrenn also noted that he had received an email from the Daily Planet Band regarding performing in the Summer Concert series.

3. Kris Fazzone noted that the Fire House would need the same slip (A-1) at the Town Park as they had last year. The one between the beach and the CLA is in need of repair, which was supposed to be done in the current fiscal year. Mr. Fazzone had heard from the First Selectman that the town was going forward with the repairs and the funds would be discussed at the next town meeting.

**Maintenance and Repairs:**

1. It was noted that repairs to the damage to the grass at Volunteer Park would have to wait until the weather was better.

2. There was a discussion about the power washing and staining of the facility at Veterans’ Field and that it may have been done already.

**Facilities:**

a. Boat docks are all rented. A wait list is being compiled. There are too many big boats for the sizes of the slips. B and E section as well as the floating section are wider slips and hold bigger boats. The A section holds regular sized boats. There was a discussion about placing thick rubber strips along the perimeters of boat slips to protect the edges of the boats when docked. John Wrenn will get prices from Tucker and if feasible will have it done this fiscal year; if not then it will likely be done after July 1, if funds are available.

b. The tennis courts are dry at last inspection. They will be open in April.

c. There was nothing new to report at the other Park and Recreation facilities.

**New Business/Old Business:**

1. Fran Frattini reported that there is no update on the Eagle Scout project.

2. There was a discussion on the recent budget hearing. Park and Recreation's part lasted about 40 minutes and included but was not limited to:

a. The BOS wants the $50 surcharge to stay in place for the boat slip rentals. The rental fee is therefore $950 with the $50 surcharge for a total of $1,000.

b. The wall and boardwalk at the Town Park Boat docks was discussed at the budget hearing also, asking that $45,000 being set aside for the repairs/replacement over a 5 year period. The repairs are in a long range Capital Expenditures plan and will probably cost upwards of $225,000 when completed.

c. The new part time maintenance worker for the Park and Recreation Department was denied. The department will need to continue to email Public Works when a task needs to be accomplished and copy the first Selectman on these requests. There was a discussion.

d. There was a discussion about the increased amount for the Summer Concert Series included in the Park and Recreation budget.
e. It was suggested at the budget hearing that Park and Recreation increase the expenses listed in their proposed budget for the pavilion maintenance from $450 to $500 for winterizing and to add $800 into operating budget for an outside person to come in and do weekly cleaning at the Town Park facilities.

f. Capital items were discussed including the dog park fence, chain-link fence at Volunteer Park, nets with poles for Colonial Field soccer and a set of steps from Veterans Field up to the school.

g. The Town Treasurer had thought camp and swim lesson revenue should be $36,000 but Mr. Wrenn had explained that due to the decrease in the Town's youth population, he had adjusted that figure to $34,000.

h. BOS seem to have no problem with lifeguard rate increase that was put in the proposed budget with the goal of attracting and retaining qualified staff in a competitive field.

Director's Report:
John Wrenn shared the following information:
2. Volunteer Park mowing was discussed. There was a request to ask the town crew to mow 3 or 4 passes up the hill behind the benches to cut down on the tick population in that area where spectators usually sit.
3. ASP has been holding its own. Daily average down to 3 or 4 children per day.
4. Kayaks sign up will be on April 13.
5. Gardens sign up will be on April 27
6. Annual Egg Hunt at the Town Park will be on Saturday, April 20. The event is free and is for children in preschool through grade 5 and is at noon at the Town Park. There is a suggested $5 donation per family for Hungerford House. Donations will be collected at the event.
7. Fran Frattini described a safe boating course that is in the works for some time in May. It will be an 8-hour class for both boat and PWC it will be taught by members of the Candlewood Lake Authority Marine Patrol.
8. Soccer is in the gym 9 – 10am on Saturdays.
9. Pop Warner will be using the gym at the school on Saturdays 10:30 - noon until March 30.
10. U.S. Sports Institute will be running some camps this summer for Sherman youth:
   a. 2 multi-sport camps for ages 5-14 (in lieu of previously offered baseball and soccer camps)
   b. Parent and Me Soccer Squirts for 2-3 year-olds and 3-5 year-olds, both on Saturdays.
Kris Fazzone made a motion to adjourn the March 11, 2019 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by T.J. Fazzone and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix
Recording Secretary

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The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2019