Sherman Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 9, 2019

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

Absent:
Denise DePalma

Guests: There were no guests.

Call to order:
Chairman Fran Frattini called the December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Minutes from November 4, 2019 Regular Meeting:
A motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting was made by Rachel Booth, seconded by T.J. Fazzone and voted with all in favor. Minutes accepted as written.

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications:
There were no new applications for facilities.

Correspondence:
Fran Frattini shared an email from Denise DePalma with update on progress of the Dog Park Committee as well as positive feedback about the exercise class held on Saturday.
mornings. Ms. DePalma had also inquired the possibility of Park and Recreation placing holiday wreaths on the pavilions. There was a discussion. It was noted that the Dog Park Committee would need to file an agenda with the Town Clerk prior to its meetings, as well as minutes afterward which need to be on file in the Park and Rec. office.

**Maintenance and Repairs:**
There were no maintenance and repair issues to discuss.

**Facilities:**
a. Rachel Wood reported on the various opinions expressed at the Happy Acres Farm Forum she had attended, including possible future uses for and management of the property. Park and Recreation involvement with the property was also explored.
b. There was a discussion about leaving the porta-pot at Colonial Field and moving the one from Volunteer Park to Veterans Field for the winter. All were in agreement. c. Most, if not all, of the boats had been taken out of the water.
d. Nothing to report on tennis courts.
e. Canoes and kayaks need to be removed from racks at Town Park by mid-December.
f. There are still about a dozen boat slips left to be rented for the 2020 summer season. If there are any slips still available by the April Park and Recreation meeting, the Commission will discuss renting to non-residents.

**New Business/Old Business:**
a. Fran Frattini noted that the Park and Recreation March Commission meeting would be held in the kitchen due to a budget workshop being held in the large meeting room.
b. The Park and Recreation budget will be discussed at the January meeting and is usually submitted to Town Hall after the February meeting. In January there will need to be a discussion about possible capital budget items as well. The Sand Pro and its maintenance were discussed.
c. It was noted that any charges that were being taken out of the Park and Recreation budget by Town Hall should have prior approval from Mr. Wrenn.
d. It was noted that the new netting fencing at Colonial Field that had been purchased but not yet installed.
f. There was a discussion regarding the stairs from the school's back parking lot down to Veterans Field that were proposed in the 2019/20 budget. Handicap ramp issues were also included in the discussion.
g. Stan Greenbaum summarized the findings of the Design Innovation Committee for the school. It was noted that the Committee had a lack of engagement with Park and Recreation and the public.
h. Election of officers was discussed.
*Stan Greenbaum nominated the existing slate of officers with Fran Frattini as Chairman and Karen Kellett as Secretary/Treasurer. Rachel Wood seconded and the slate was voted with all in favor.*
Director's Report:
John Wrenn shared the following information:
2. ASP was holding its own with an average of 5 children per day.
3. Ski sign-ups have begun and were going well. Ski program will begin on January 3.
4. Basketball has started strong with 30 children in the 3rd and 4th grade session and about 12 in the 5th-8th grade session.
5. Mr. Carlone's band program will be starting soon.
6. Open gym volleyball and basketball are ongoing.

It was noted that the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be on January 13, 2020. Wishes for a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season were shared by all.

Karen Kellett made a motion to adjourn the December 9, 2019 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Rachel Wood and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

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.