Sherman Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 10, 2020

Present:
Fran Frattini-Chairman
Stan Greenbaum (by phone till 7:27)
Kris Fazzzone
John Wrenn-Director
T.J. Fazzzone
Rachel Booth

Absent:
Denise DePalma
Karen Kellett

Guest: Liba Furhman

Call to order:
Chairman Fran Frattini called the August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Minutes from July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting:
A motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting was made by Kris Fazzzone, seconded by Rachel Booth and voted with all in favor, minutes accepted as written.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications
a. There was a discussion about the use of the Town Park and pavilion for an annual Pet memorial. The event had been previously approved but the application form has not yet been received. (Note: the event has been canceled this year due to Covid-19)
b. There was an application by the Boy Scouts to use the Town Park and Pavilion for a camping event from 8am on August 29, 2020 until noon on August 30, 2020. There was a discussion and it was noted that the scouts would be camping in tents that would be set up in the field by the beach cottage.
Stan Greenbaum left the meeting at 7:27PM

*Kris Fazzone made a motion to approve the Boy Scouts application to use the Town Park and pavilion for a camping event from 8am on August 29, 2020 through noon on August 30, 2020 and to waive the fee. Rachel Booth seconded and voted with all in favor.*

c. Guest Liba Furhman made a request to hold the Sherman Chamber Ensemble’s next 2 concerts at the Town Park pavilion. One is a classical music concert on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at 5:00pm. The second event is their Annual Coffee House on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 7:30pm. Set-up and clean-up times were discussed. There was a discussion, including use of bathrooms, location of electricity, moving and using picnic tables, as well as acoustics in the pavilion. Ms. Furhman described the list of Covid-19 protocols her organization would be utilizing, including socially distancing entertainers and the guests, sanitizing surfaces, taking information for contact tracing and roping off certain areas. Fees were discussed.

*Kris Fazzone made a motion to accept the application for use of the Town Park Pavilion from the Sherman Chamber Ensemble for a Classical Music Concert on Saturday, September 5, 2020 and their Annual Coffee House on Friday, September 11, 2020. The motion was seconded by Rachel Booth and was voted with all in favor.*

Ms. Furhman was given an application to complete and she handed it in to John Wrenn prior to leaving the meeting.

There was a discussion about creating an addendum detailing Covid-19 protocols that the applicants needed to agree to in order to use any Park and Recreation facility. Rachel Booth volunteered to create the document and send it to Commission members for approval.

**Public Comment:**
There was no public comment.

**Correspondence:**
There was no correspondence.

**Maintenance and Repair/Facilities Reports:**
a. John Wrenn described problems with the water pressure in the bathrooms at the Town Park. Mr. Wrenn has had two plumbers investigate the problem with no results yet.
b. There had been some damage from the recent storm at Volunteer Park: two trees had fallen on the new fence and one tree was on the soccer field. There was a discussion, including the unknown extent of the damage, need for photos being taken of damage and notification of the damage having already been made to the First Selectman by John Wrenn.
c. It was noted that there was a discussion at the July Commission meeting regarding health and safety issues related to use of Park and Recreation facilities and current Covid-19 pandemic. Signage requirements had also already been discussed at the July meeting.
d. Mr. Wrenn reported that summer camp went very well and that he had not received any complaints or concerns from anyone involved. Staffing, use of masks, activities and budgetary issues were discussed. Mr. Wrenn noted that all camp staff did an extremely thorough job, both with keeping all involved safe and with creative activities in the face of Covid-19 restrictions.

Old Business/New Business:
a. There was no Dog Park report at this time.
b. There was a discussion about the Park and Recreation maintenance position, including revisiting the topic in the fall and for an anticipated start date for a maintenance person in early Spring of 2021.
c. There were no updates on the labyrinth proposal however Mr. Wrenn will reach out again to the organizer for further information.

Liba Furhman left the meeting at 7:52PM

Director's Report:
a. Mr. Wrenn shared the July checking account report.
b. There were 35 children signed up for Summer Camp and it went very well. The children each received camp tee shirts. There were 10 counselors, 16 years old and up, plus 8 or 9 C.I.T.’s who were 14 or 15 years old.
c. There were 9 children enrolled in tennis lessons for a successful season that just concluded.
d. The August 9th concert had to be postponed due to the recent storm but will be rescheduled for late August or early September.
e. ASP was discussed. It was noted that the program’s continuation will depend on what happens with the school and if school does in-person sessions, the program should be able to begin following Covid-19 protocols.

There was a discussion about beach pass distribution for the summer of 2021, including the disadvantages of having gate guards distribute passes at the beach. Mr. Wrenn noted that prior this summer, the traditional method of handing out beach passes at the Park and Recreation office had worked well. There was further discussion and it was the consensus of the Commission that next summer the traditional procedures for beach pass distribution should be resumed.
Gate guard scheduling was discussed, including possible early morning hours for two guards to help monitor boat docks more closely. Also discussed was the Greenwich decision that influences how beach passes are made available to residents and non-residents. Charging fees for beach passes was discussed.

T.J. Fazzone made a motion to adjourn the August 10, 2020 Park and Recreation Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Kris Fazzone and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix
Recording Secretary

The next regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission is Monday, September 14, 2020

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