Sherman Park and Recreation Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
November 9, 2020

**Present:**  
Fran Frattini-Chairman  
Karen Kellett (via phone)  
John Wrenn-Director  
T.J. Fazzone  
Rachel Booth  
Stan Greenbaum (via phone)  
Bill Butts

**Absent:**  
Kris Fazzone

**Guests:** There were no guests

**Call to order:**  
Chairman Fran Frattini called the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Mrs. Frattini welcomed Billy Butts back to the Park and Recreation Commission and noted that the BOS had approved his appointment at their last special meeting. Mr. Butts was appointed to complete Denise DePalma’s term.

**Pavilion and Facilities Applications:**  
There were no pavilion or facilities applications.
Minutes from October 5, 2020 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Meeting:
A motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission meeting was made by T.J. Fazzone, seconded by Rachel Booth, and voted with all in favor. Minutes accepted as written.

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Correspondence:
Fran Frattini had shared an email with details of a recent cell tower proposal. There was a discussion. It was noted that the proposal was not near nor would it affect any Park and Recreation properties.

There had been positive comments on the recently installed bench at the basketball court by Troop 48. A Scout leader reported it was being used and looked great. It was noted that the materials for the bench totaled $613.24 and that Park and Recreation would reimburse BSA Troop 48 for the funds they expended.

Rachel Booth made a motion to approve the reimbursement of $613.24 for the materials for the bench at the basketball court to Troop 48 BSA Sherman. T.J. Fazzone seconded, and voted with all in favor. Mr. Wrenn will turn this over to the Town for payment.

Maintenance and Repairs/Facilities Reports:
• John Wrenn reported that he had gotten three estimates for the fence repair at Volunteer Park, ranging from $2,950 to $4,466. Mr. Wrenn will forward the bids to the BOS for them to decide which bid to accept. There was a discussion. It was noted that the company that had originally installed the fence would not return to repair it.
• There was a discussion about upcoming programs and Covid-19 health and safety concerns. No programs are definite at the present time.
• It was reported that Kris Fazzone would be meeting soon about the upper Veterans Field soccer field renovations and would report back at the next Commission meeting.
New Business/Old Business:

- There has been no Dog Park report.
- The maintenance person for Park and Recreation needs to be considered in coming meetings with an anticipated start date in the spring 2021. It was noted that advertising for the position would begin again in January 2021.
- The proposed labyrinth project was discussed, including budgetary issues related to project. Mrs. Frattini will reach out to the individual who proposed the labyrinth to obtain further details about materials and related costs. The Commission hopes to be able to discuss the details for possible inclusion in the 2021-22 budget.
- Mrs. Frattini noted that the Park and Recreation Commission’s approval letter for Walker Butts’ Eagle Scout Proposal had been sent to the CLA, Walker’s project beneficiary.
- The election of officers was discussed. Karen Kellett wished to step down from the position of Secretary/Treasurer. T.J. Fazzone volunteered to be nominated for the position. Fran Frattini noted that she would be willing to stay on as Chairman for another year and there was no opposition.

Rachel Booth made a motion to accept the slate of Fran Frattini for Chairman and T.J. Fazzone for Secretary/Treasurer for the Park and Recreation Commission. Billy Butts seconded and the motion was voted all in favor. Mrs. Frattini and Mr. Fazzone will begin their term on January 1, 2021.

Mrs. Frattini distributed the 2021 Park and Recreation Commission meeting dates, noting that they were primarily the second Monday of each month, except for the October 4, 2021 meeting, which would be on the first Monday of the month, due to the Columbus Day holiday. (meeting list attached)

Director’s Report:

- Mr. Wrenn shared the checking account report with the Commission.
- ASP was meeting about 3 days a week due to low enrollment but was still almost breaking even and will continue.
- The last boat slip had been rented and there are now 2 individuals on the waiting list.
• Kayaks can stay on the racks at the Town Park until December 1.
• Boats need to be removed soon from their slips; this has mostly been done with only 4 or 5 boats left to be moved.
• The community Gardens will be plowed over on or about December 1 and gardeners are asked to remove whatever they wish from their plots by Thanksgiving.
• There was a discussion about basketball on Saturdays at the school John Wrenn will get in touch with the Superintendent to discuss further. Mr. Wrenn noted that winter sports guidelines will be coming out soon.
• There have been no calls so far requesting adult open gym volleyball or basketball.
• Skiing season will be coming soon and it was asked and noted that there is no bus service to the slopes; parents transport children. Mr. Wrenn is expecting more information from the slopes soon.

Fran Frattini had received a note from the First Selectman regarding some organizations in town needing more storage space. There was a discussion, including possible location for additional storage, what organizations might need storage space and what Park and Recreation has for storage and what it might need. John Wren and Stan Greenbaum volunteered to be on the committee to investigate extra storage, although at this time it appeared that Park and Recreation had adequate storage. It was noted that the Sherman Veterans may wish to find a space for a clubhouse.

Rachel Booth made a motion to adjourn the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Stan Greenbaum and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kellett
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix
Recording Secretary
The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be December 14, 2020.

Meeting dates for the Park and Recreation Commission for 2021 are as follows on the second Monday: (unless otherwise noted)

1. January 11, 2021
2. February 08, 2021
3. March 08, 2021
4. April 12, 2021
5. May 10, 2021
6. June 14, 2021
7. July 12, 2021
8. August 09, 2021
9. September 13, 2021
10. October 04, 2021 (note this is the first Monday)
11. November 08, 2021
12. December 13, 2021

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