Sherman Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 10, 2021

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

Absent: Kris Fazzone
Karen Kellett

Guests: Samantha Butts, BSA Troop 48 Scouts Walker Butts, and Remington Hafer

Call to order:
Chairman Fran Frattini called the May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:18pm.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications:
1. It was noted that the CLA had requested use of the pavilion at the Town Park for June 9 but that date had already been reserved by another group. An alternate date will be offered to the CLA.
2. The Scouts Troop 148 have requested use of the Town Park, specifically Allen’s camp, for an overnight campout from June 19 to June 20. In addition the Scout group will be using the bathrooms at the pavilion. It was noted that there is also a big band concert on the evening of June 19 but the campout will not interfere with that activity, especially since the campout will be for a very small group of 3 or 4 Scouts and the leaders.

T.J. Fazzone made a motion to accept the Scouts’ application for use of the Town Park for a campout for June 19-20 and to waive the pavilion fee. Rachel Booth seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.
Minutes from April 12, 2021 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Meeting:
A motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission was made by Rachel Booth, seconded by T.J. Fazzone, voted with all in favor. Minutes accepted as written.

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Correspondence:
John Wrenn reported that he had received a note from a parent thanking him for last year’s summer camp and noting that her family was looking forward to this summer as well.

Maintenance and Repairs/Facilities Reports:
a. John Wrenn reported that all facilities are in good shape and there are no major problems currently.
b. Prior to the meeting, Kris Fazzone reported that he will be meeting with Don Lowe soon to get the bid written for the Upper Veteran’s Soccer Field Renovations.

New Business/Old Business:
a. There was a discussion about how there are more people wanting to rent a kayak rack than there are racks available, with all 31 current slots rented and about 6 people on the waiting list. It was suggested that another kayak rack could be built as an Eagle Scout Project. Timing and procedures were discussed. Remington Hafer offered a verbal proposal to build another 12-boat kayak rack as his Eagle Scout project. Details of location, design, materials, permits and permissions were covered. The hope was that the rack could be ready for renting early in this summer season.

Rachel Booth made a motion to accept Remington Hafer’s verbal proposed Eagle Scout project to build a 12-boat kayak rack at the Town Park and a written proposal will follow.
Stan Greenbaum seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.
b. There had been a request from Donny Borkowski for mulch, sand and gravel for Park and Recreation facilities that Mr. Wrenn approved. Mr. Borkowski had also asked for some equipment for the baseball field which Mr. Wrenn had ordered.
c. Mr. Wrenn updated the Commission on the status of the keys to the Town Park Pavilion which had been working very poorly. A locksmith assessed the situation and 4 new keys were made and the locks adjusted.
d. The fence at Volunteer Field has been fixed. It was noted that there is now a mixture of black and green protective coverings on the tops of the fencing.
e. There was a review of Walker Butts’ Eagle Scout Project at the Town Park to help prevent invasive species from entering the lake, including how the earth filter will work and educational signage that will be installed.
f. There was a review of the Conservation Commission’s plans to remove invasive species from Veteran’s Field.
g. The proposed 2021-22 budget was discussed, including the fact that the budget was split into 2 sections, Town and BOE, and what would happen if one part passed and the other failed. It was noted that the Town Budget had passed and the BOE budget had failed in a tie.
h. Rachel Booth gave an update on the progress of Park and Recreation collaborating with the JCC and using their space for programming. Ms. Booth discussed possible programs including fitness classes. Also mentioned were guided kayaking tours this fall in conjunction with Green Chimneys, and possible Audubon Society tours for adults. Park and Recreation including the JCC’s program offerings in its advertising was discussed. Mr. Wrenn just needs the details and he will include them in whatever he sends out or posts.

**Director’s Report:**

a. Mr. Wrenn shared the checking account information for January through April.
b. ASP is doing well, with a few new enrollees, with some days having as many as 9 participants.
c. Summer Camp will begin on June 21 and end on July 30. A Senior Camp Director is needed. Janine Lynch will return as Junior Camp Director. Rachel Booth will update the Covid-19 waivers for camp. Mr. Wrenn is strongly recommending that all counselors be vaccinated. CDC and CDH guidelines will be used during camp.
d. More lifeguards are needed.
e. Camp registration will begin on Saturday, June 5 and will continue on Saturdays, June 12 and 19. The office will be open for summer hours, Monday through Friday, 9am – 12noon, starting on June 21.

*Stan Greenbaum made a motion to adjourn the May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Rachel Booth and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

T.J. Fazzone  
Park and Recreation Secretary

Mary Jo Dix  
Recording Secretary

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be June 14, 2021.

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