

**Town of Groton
Parks and Recreation Commission
May 14, 2008
Spicer House at 7:15 PM
Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Leonard, Kolnaski, Butta, Semanick
Parks and Recreation Director Silsby

III. Approval of Minutes

Semancik motioned, seconded by Kolnaski, approval of edited minutes.

IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments

None

V. Correspondence/Communications

- a. Butta brought up about moving the roller hockey rink. Only enough money was designated for new asphalt not color coating. \$16,000 more needed to coat.
- b. Leonard mentioned that the turf in at Poquonnock Plains Park is in great condition. Also mentioned seeing quite a bit of visitor use at the Waterfront Park at Esker Point Beach.
- c. Silsby explained that the Little Leagues from the Town, City and Subase have combined into one league. Town Manager and John met with league officials to help with change.
- d. Also announced that Bill Beaman resigned.

VI. Town Council Referrals

Will improve current fields.

VII. Reports

a. Monthly Reports

Silsby met with consulting group about the master plan. \$75,000 budgeted for project. Shenny received Walter

Lowell Public Golf course Distinguished Service Award. \$30,000 was donated for Playground by Ledge Light Health District to rubberize ground surface. \$10,000 still needed. Lemonade stand raised \$3,500. Kids council will also raise money.

b. Golf Course

Looking forward to a couple good months, still ahead of last year.

VIII. Old Business

a. Budget Update

Interesting developments. Cut \$87,000. Foreman will supervise Parks. Golf Course approved. CIP for Esker Point Beach Shelter cut. Open space cut. Poquonnock Plains Park parking lot cut. \$15,000 for scorer's box for Burrows Field passed.

b. Opening on GAB

Butta motioned to appoint Brian McCallen for GAB position. Tricia seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

c. Transportation issues for special needs – Article in DISCOVER. Forum in Hartford.

IX. New Business

Endorsement of Preston/Ledyard/Groton Trail Project – previously approved.

X. Next meeting

June 11 at 7:15 pm at Spicer House

XI. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm Butta motioned, Semancik seconded.

Approved 6/11/08
Gregg Leonard, Chairman