

Town of Groton
Parks and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, August 8, 2012
Groton Senior Center at 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
Phil called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
- II. Roll Call
Phil Butta, Tricia Semancik, June Evered, Doug Ackerman, Jerry Lokken, Eric Morrison, Mary Jo Riley
- III. Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2012 Meeting
Hold until September due to technical difficulties.
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments
None
- V. Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Commissioners
June: Groton is a tree city and it might be nice to have signs indicating that.
Phil: Tricia reappointed to the commission. Phil attended the Groton small boat day. It was well attended. 4th of July parade was announced on channel 12.
 - B. Interim Director of Parks & Recreation
None
- VI. Town Council Referrals
None
- VII. Reports
 - A. Interim Director of Parks & Recreation
 - Copp MOU – signed with Groton Parks Foundation. RFQ for trail design went out. Seeking extension from state to complete project.
 - Possible Use of Fitch Middle – had preliminary discussions with Wes Greenleaf regarding use for recreational programming. Appears that the gym as well as classrooms and cafeteria would be available.
 - Conditional Offer – Director – the Town Manger made a conditional offer of employment to a candidate for Parks and Recreation Director which was accepted. Pending successful completion of background checks scheduled to start mid-September.
 - L&M Cardiac Rehab Program was canceled by L&M. An alternative program has been developed by the Senior Center.
 - Esker Point – No Alcohol – appears that transition was successful. Question is where do we go next regarding “family friendly”? Need to look at current regulations/signage.

- GC – Financial Final – ended in black with both revenue and expenditures below budgeted amounts.
- SRF – Financial – same as golf course; ended in black with both revenue and expenditures below budgeted amounts.
- Recreation Facilities – as we have discussed previously need to garner support for recreational facilities included in CIP.
- Trails – Town Council approved Trails Coordinating Committee as an adjunct to the Master Plan Committee. Will discuss at their next meeting with implementation in fall. G&S Trail contract signed with DEEP.

Golf course ended in the black. Special Revenue Fund ended in the black as well. Town Council approved Trails Coordinating Committee. 35% of registrations are online at this time. New registration starts next Friday.

B. Monthly Reports – Parks & Recreation
Nothing to report.

C. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim
July revenue identical to previous July. Recognized by Golf Magazine for best golf courses in Connecticut.

D. Master Plan Committee – June
No meeting in June or July due to lack of a quorum.

E. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update – ~~Phil~~ *JERRY*
Tom Tobin volunteered to get Noank Rowing club transitioning to be more active; work on the boating rack is progressing; thinking of a ribbon cutting ceremony when all is done. Talk of replacing the wooden dock.

VIII. Old Business

A. Esker Point Beach Concerts
Nothing to add

B. Trails Committee
Nothing to add

IX. New Business

A. Master Plan Committee – aquatics/community center and athletic fields (Wayne Chiapperini has requested to be included)
Wasn't able to attend

B. Esker Point Beach Neighbor's Concerns
Problems with dogs at the beach and people staying at the beach overnight.

C. Family Friendly Initiative
Nothing to add

D. Revisions to Parks Regulations
Nothing to add

X. Next Meeting Date:
Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment
June motioned to adjourn. Tricia seconded. All approve. Meeting adjourned at 8:24

Minutes have been approved and accepted.



Signature

9-12-12
Date