

Town of Groton
Parks and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, June 12, 2013
Groton Senior Center at 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes



- I. Call to Order
7:02
- II. Roll Call:
Jim Kamercia, Ed Kolnaski, June Evered, Mark Berry, Jerry Lokken
Absent: Tricia Semancik, Phil Butta
- III. Approval of Minutes: May 8, 2013 Meeting
June motioned, Ed seconded. Approved
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments - none
- V. Correspondence/Communications
 - Commissioners
 - June - workout room should be open-suggestion from member
 - Discussion on opening on weekends.
 - Discussion on changing roles of workout people-Connie Steffes
 - Ed - Blocking out of fields and gym space discussed
 - Response to Tricia email. Discussion on what could be done to prevent this.
 - Permit required to have at site? Volunteer will be called to see if involved. Recommend having permit on site to avoid problems.
 - Jim-Fitch middle school – add fencing to baseball field. Board of Ed should be one to talk to.
 - Director of Parks & Recreation
 - Mark was in touch with State — \$40,000 allotted only used \$8,000. So \$32,000 to go to trails. Increase of parking at Copp. Request to trim Beebe Pond trail.
 - Received letter from instructor about new programs.
 - Drainage area at 182 Shore Rd problem, says comes from golf course. Will be dealt with in fall.
 - Complaints about Esker point beach — hrs of operations, dogs barking, etc.
 - Request for Field Hockey games approved on Poquonnock Plains Park (PPP). Ed and June agreed to let field hockey play at PPP

Jim Kamercia had concern about further abuse of a field which only reinforcing the fact of the need of an artificial playing surface. An artificial playing surface would limit the need for maintenance of fields from sports such as Field Hockey, Football, Lacrosse any other sports. Jim refrained from voting a unanimous decision so not to limit the pursuit of an artificial surface. He wants to leave open the possibility for artificial turf at Poquonnock Plains Park.

- VI. Town Council Referrals none

VII. Reports

- Director of Parks & Recreation
 - Marketing person just turned down job. List of 4 on list plus 1 to be interviewed.
 - Attorney was met with about accident at Central Bark.
 - Met with about Copp property. Shelter at Sparkle Lake.
 - Cadets met about field work done. Senior Center –senior ambassador program.
- Monthly Reports – Parks & Recreation
- Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim - Red flags still an issue. Suggestion to have players repair problems (holes) etc. at Shenney. Better to have certain players told. Signed Keith Johnson and Sid Buttermore as Pro Shop clerks. Will start doing Welcome back to golf. If play golf at 11 cannot get drinks, so should Pro Shop sell items.
- Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update – Phil - Jerry—Shell house unveiling rescheduled. Probably on Sunday.
- Trails Coordinating Task Force – June took over as secretary. Mark was going on 6-mile crosstown hike. Greenway nomination is underway. Trails workday Oct 16. Boy Scout project to replace signs. Open panel about using reservoir use for trail.

VIII. Old Business

- Meeting Space Rental Fees
- June reported that a suggestion was made during a recent meeting that she attended that the Parks and Rec offices be moved to the Senior Center and that the Spicer House be rented out for special occasions. This was decided to be not a viable option.
- Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations-- Will look at rules in August.
- Budget update and Copp property work

IX. New Business

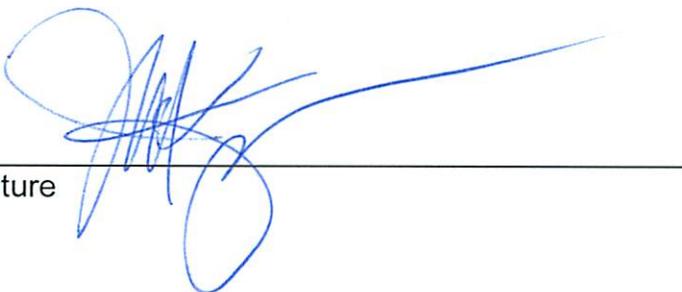
Master Plan Liaison might need representative.

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2013, at 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment 8:54 June motioned, Ed seconded. Approved.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature



Date

8/14/2013