

Town of Groton
Parks and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, September 11, 2013
Groton Senior Center at 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order-
Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM-moment of silence was asked for the 911 victims
- II. Roll Call
Present: Jim Kamercia, Phil Butta, Ed Kolnaski, June Evered and Tricia Semancik

Staff: Jerry Lokken and Mark Berry

Absent: none

Guests: Doug Lynch and Matt Forde
- III. Approval of Minutes: August 14, 2013 Meeting
Phil motioned to approve minutes as amended. June seconded. All approved.
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments
Doug Lynch 25 Fisher's View Rd, Noank
Matt Forde 152 Daniel Brown Rd, Mystic
They are representing the soccer club. They are interested in pursuing the order of ranking for field use. The club has grown tremendously and is year round and space is becoming an issue.
- V. Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Commissioners
Merritt Property Focus Group.
June attended Chad Frost's focus group on playing fields on 9/5/2013. About 7 people attended. Interest was extremely high. Major dissatisfaction expressed was on over booking of fields and on the present condition, especially drainage, of the present fields. The major conclusions were that synthetic turf is highly preferred over grass fields and that booking of fields should be done by one person only. They felt there was overbooking of fields that weren't always used.

Ed was at one of the focus groups. The people would like to have someone book and oversee both the school and rec facilities.

Phil was also at one of the focus groups talking about the overuse of the fields.

June went to a focus group as well. Esker Point was in great shape. The bathrooms were in great shape.
 - B. Director of Parks & Recreation
 - Resident called about a drainage issue on the golf course. It will be looked at.

- Tanglewood Park residents said the trees have overgrown at the park. Some trees will be removed. Following up on the drainage at the parking lot at the new park they obtained.
- Sima Ebens would like to use students at UCONN Avery Point to improve Sparkle Lake.

SYMA EBBIN spelling correction.

VI. Town Council Referrals
None

VII. Reports

A. Director of Parks & Recreation

Submitted a proposal to set up Facebook sites for Parks and Recreation, Senior Center and the Shennecossett. Kate met with TVC to improve marketing for Parks and Recreation. Goal is to increase sponsorship.

Monthly Reports – Parks & Recreation

Possible woodworking at Fitch Middle in the future. Working with the Coast Guard Academy to secure a dock. Discover was printed and registration is ongoing.

B. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim

Repairing the greens is going on. Port-a-Potties need to be cleaned on Fridays for the weekend use instead of Tuesdays. Serious problem with golf carts breaking down. We're paying for 400 carts a year that are going out with multiple carts broken at any time. They would like to put a signage for some of the tournaments for advertisement. Clubhouse is celebrating its 100 year anniversary in 2014.

C. Master Plan Committee – Phil

Discussion on the aquatic initiative. They have a 4 person task force to take it on.

D. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update – Phil

No meeting in August. Noank Rowing Club has grown. The next meeting will be Nov.21st.

E. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June

The Trails Coordinating Task Force met on August 22, 2013. Andrew Bowne demonstrated a sample interactive trails website and how users will be able to access different features of the trails. Members of the committee agreed to provide updated information on the six trails that are being used for the test. Next meeting is on September 26, 2013.

VIII. Old Business

A. Meeting Space Rental Fees

Still waiting on the town attorney

B. Copp property work

Still in progress

C. Jim motioned to add Seely School to agenda. Phil seconded.

Jerry is looking into the Fleet Reserve about correcting the spelling on the Seely School. It's misspelled in many locations around the town.

IX. New Business

A. Upcoming Master Plan Committee coverage schedule

June cannot attend all meetings and rotation needs to occur.

B. Recreation Accessibility Consultant Presentation

Group that came and looked at a number of the parks in order to identify which aren't ADA compatible on Sept.25th at 6:00 PM at the Senior Center.

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment

Phil motioned to adjourn. June seconded. All approve.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature

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Date

10/9/13