

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**7:00 PM** Wednesday, August 13, 2014  
Groton Senior Center  
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order – 7:02pm
- II. Roll Call  
Commissioners: Jim Kamercia, June Evered, Jeff Zuliani  
Staff: Mark Berry, Jerry Lokken
- III. Citizens Petitions and Comments  
Zeke Lyons, 111 Ensign, Mystic.  
Zeke is here to challenge some of the rules at Eastern Point Beach. The no buggies boards, no flotation and no footballs. *MR. LYONS WAS DIRECTED TO CALL THE CITY PARKS + REC. DEPT MB*
- IV. Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2014 Special Meeting  
Motion to approve minutes was made and approved unanimously
- V. Town Council Referrals - none
- VI. Correspondence/Communications
  - A. Commissioners  
June Evered - "Parks for All" article in Parks and Recreation magazine, changing rooms women, men and universal- New London is the first accredited department in the state of CT, wondered whether Groton would be pursuing it.  
  
Jim Kamercia – people upset that Calvin Burrows was not used for tournaments for Little League, wasn't used due to President of Little League saying there wasn't a grill to do hamburgers and he wanted to hold the games elsewhere despite other communities expressing admiration for Calvin Burrows Field.
  - B. Director of Parks & Recreation  
Doug Ackerman has announced retirement in October 2014  
Ed Kolnaski submitted his resignation from PRC
- VII. Reports
  - A. Director of Parks & Recreation
    - Commissioners got hard copy of report
    - August 26, Chad Frost from Kent+Frost presenting results of study of Merritt Fields to Town Council
    - Director working with GIS staff to revise parks web page to be more interactive – modeled on trails web pages
    - Director is working with Engineering to work on plan to make parking spaces ADA compliant
    - We had 70 applications for vacant Senior Center Program Supervisor position, eleven went through panel interview, six finalists to be interviewed in next several weeks
    - Groton Senior Center received National Council on Aging Accreditation – reaccreditation

- Director met with a company that does vehicle wraps – considering putting ads on the sides of Senior Center vans
- Golf had 50 members not returning, which is a large number, the number one reasons cited in survey of those who didn't renew was time commitment, second was cost, and third was a tie between a number of factors including health, golf experience, playing at another course, wanted an opportunity to play other courses rather than committing to one
- June and July were banner months at the golf course in terms of revenue
- The golf course did pick up a number of new members as a result of the promotion
- It was decided that LOCIP funds can be used to do the CIP projects at Shennecossett that were a part of the FY2015 Budget
- The new carts arrived at the golf course and they are working well
- Copp Park trails project should be going out to bid this month

B. Monthly Reports – Parks & Recreation – included in hard copy given to Commissioners

C. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim – No report

1. The Director reported that for FY2014 Expenses were \$1,163,441, Revenue was \$1,149,647 leaving the course \$13,744 short for the year. There may be some additional revenue, but the course will end the year a little short so it will have to use some of the fund balance
2. June Evered shared an ad from a newspaper showing some development plans referring to Shennecossett in the ad, other ads from competing golf courses, article from Parks and Recreation magazine about golf management, a rack card from Shennecossett, and an article about the CT Senior Open at Shennecossett.

D. Master Plan Committee

Committee Met in June, 2014 minutes from that meeting were read, next meeting on August 27

E. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update – Phil

No meeting, next meeting scheduled for September

F. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June

No meeting due to lack of quorum

VIII. Old Business

A. Field Use

Motion to table due to awaiting feedback passed unanimously

IX. New Business

A. Master Plan Committee – Goals

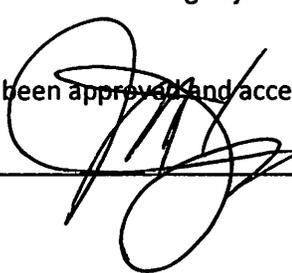
1. Discussion about the usefulness of the Master Plan Committee, the problems they've experienced and what they might accomplish. Various ideas were presented as possible projects. The Commission will revisit the issue following the next Master Plan Committee meeting.

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment meeting adjourned at 834pm

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature



*w/ changes item III*

Date

*9/10/14*