

Parks and Recreation Commission
7:00 PM Wednesday, February 10, 2016
Groton Senior Center
Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order**
Jim Kamercia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
- II. **Roll Call**
Commissioners: Jim Kamercia, June Evered, Jonathan Grossman, and Jeff Zuliani
Staff: Mark Berry and Eric Morrison
- III. **Approval of Minutes: January 18, 2016**
Motion to approve the minutes was made with amendments noted by Jim and seconded by June. Approved unanimously.
- IV. **Citizens Petitions and Comments**
Jim received a request that Parks and Recreation would offer foreign language instruction.
- V. **Town Council Referrals**
None
- VI. **Correspondence/Communications**
 - A. **Commissioners**
Jonathan brought up the idea of forward thinking regarding field construction and use as little league has changed its age. Discussion about ages and such. Just brought up as a “keep in the back of your mind” thought for the future.
- VII. **Reports**
 - A. **Director of Parks & Recreation**
Review of Directors report
 1. Mark updated plan for move of programs to Fitch Middle School. Administration to move afterwards.
 2. Playground audit received an A-. Parks and Recreation is working on suggestions from the audit.
 3. Communication board being worked on by Kate for updates of the golf course.
 4. Souper Bowl at the Senior Center went well.
 5. Submarine Century and submarine trail.
 6. Looking to restructure fees for multiple children in summer camp. Discussion ensued around camp fees and specialty camps.
 7. Discussion about report ensued.
 - B. **Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim**
Revenue made over the winter. Rates were worked on. Snow has put a damper on revenue.
 - C. **Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update**
Did not meet

D. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June

Did not meet

E. Athletic Fields

Contract signed for revenue analysis for hosting tournaments. June questioned location of project. Discussion ensued. Mark will be doing some of the compiling of information for the firm to save costs. Mark has identified other locations in the north east for comparisons for analysis.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Discussion concerning advertising of commissioner vacancy in Discover, Channel 19 and in the Life Lines.

Mark reported that the Pequot Woods Board of Trustees positions were advertised in Discover and 6 people inquired.

IX. New Business

A. Budget Summary

Review of General Fund Budget by Mark

B. Approval of Golf Course Rates

Discussion ensued about golf rate increase led by Jim. Comparison to other golf courses brought up.

Golf Advisory Board has approved the proposal to raise the rates by 3%.

Eric explained the process of various marketing that happens in the slow seasons of April and May due to weather such as golf app that discounts tee times.

Discussion between Eric, Mark and commissioners.

Motion made to accept the 3% increase proposal with the amendment increase of 18 hole Weekday Guest fee from \$38 to \$39, Daily fee from \$43 to \$44 and Weekend Guest fee 18 hole from \$43 to \$44. Made by Jonathan and seconded by Jeff. Approved unanimously.

X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 - 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Jonathan Grossman, seconded by June Evered. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Minutes have been reviewed and accepted.

Signature

Date

3/9/16