

Parks and Recreation Commission
7:00 PM Wednesday, October 11, 2017
Groton Senior Center
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
7:00 pm
- II. Roll Call
Commissioners: Jim Kamercia, Jeff Zuliani, Jonathan Grossman and Scott Peirce.
Commissioner Absent: June Everett
Staff: Mark Berry
Guest: Counselor Harry Watson
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 13, 2017
Motion to approve by Jeff with corrections and seconded by Scott. All in favor. Approved.
- IV. Citizens Petitions and Comments
None
- V. Town Council Referrals
None
- VI. Correspondence/Communications
A. Commissioners
Jim talked to a gentleman and his wife at the Fall Festival concerning a pathway in Fieldcrest. Mark reported that work has been done there. The couple wanted more work done to improve accessibility. Jim discussed budgetary constraints.
- Jeff reported that there was a complaint at Fall Festival concerning Groton Mystic Falcon Football League announcing at games on Sunday. It was reported that they were starting prior to 9 am.
- That same person asked about Poquonnock Plains Park being home of the Falcons. ~~He~~^{He} asked whether they had fields up at Fitch High School. Jeff discussed the lack of fields up at the high school.
- Question concerning the Grasso Tech Field behind Sutton Park. Answer-State Property
 - Question concerning the Discover Magazine would be on Facebook. Answer-It gets posted on FB.
- VII. Reports
A. Golf Course Report / GAB – Jim
GAB member and secretary, Brian McCallen, has resigned his position due to moving out of the area for most of the year. He wrote/writes articles for Golf Magazine. According to Mark, he is the last existing member of the original GAB.
- Financial report-Yesterday, October 10, 2017, Shenny hosted the Tournament of Champions for over 150 golfers. Jim stated that more signage would be a good idea.
- The sunny days have been profitable.
- Jim took June and Scott through the pro shop and Shenny.
- B. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) – Scott
Jerry reports that he heard back from DEEP that we do not have to get a permit for fixing the dock that was broken in the storm. Next BAB meeting is next Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Mr. Watson asked about the local school requesting use of Spicer for crew. Mark reported that both Fitch and Marine Science utilized the facilities last spring.

C. Trails Coordinating Task Force – June
None

D. Athletic Fields
New LAX tournament planned for Memorial Day 2018 by an outside agency. Mark developed a draft set of rules and regulations for the LAX Tournament.

E. Director of Parks & Recreation
Mark thanked everyone for helping out at the Fall Festival. Attendance seemed to drop. Possibly due to the AOPA Fly-In event, October 6-7, at the Groton New London Airport.

State of CT is requiring for every trash container there needs to be a recycling bin.
Marketing position will not be filled due to budgetary constraints. Parks and Recreation is hiring a designer to create brochure. Sponsorships and advertising responsibilities will be disbursed with the department.

Sand Management plan discussed for Esker Point Beach. Order a 1000 culms (beach grass), extending 12 feet by 90 feet. Mark has to put together a Coastal Area Management Plan to get approval.

Parks and Recreation hosted the Steve Lambert Memorial Hockey Tournament on September 23-24, 2017.

Senior Center celebrated active Asian week. Activities all week. Started "Coffee with..." Town Manager, Probate Court Judge, and Town Planner. Took Seniors to Fields of Fire. Sensei Ralph came in to do a karate presentation. Other activities reported.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of youth sports field use fees.
Mark reviewed his research on field costs.
Discussion ensued.

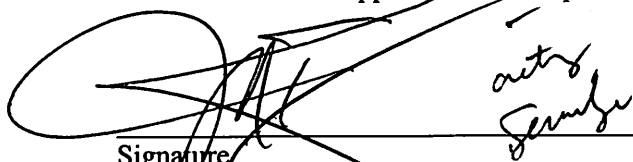
IX. New Business

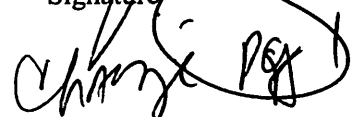
A. Review of proposed sports tournament guidelines
Mark handed out a proposal for Athletic Facility Tournament Policy for discussion at next meeting.

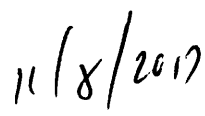
X. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 - 7:00 PM at Groton Senior Center
Motion to adjourn at 8:07 by Scott and seconded by Jeff.

XI. Adjournment

Minutes have been approved and accepted.


Signature


Cheryl


Date