

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
May 3, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Schettino, Commissioners Harry Swaun, Ronald Stopkoski, Julie Mendez and Robert Karcich

Absent: Commissioners Robert Neri and Michael Sutyla

Also present: Director Robert Potter

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes:

- A motion was made by H. Swaun, seconded by J. Mendez to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2016 regular meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by R. Karcich, seconded by R. Stopkoski to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 special meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Subcommittee Reports: None

Old Business:

Town Beach Improvements:

- Delivery of the new equipment is scheduled for next week
- The installation should take 3 to 5 days
- Installation should be completed by Memorial Day or the first week of June
- The beach opens Saturday, June 18, 2016

The Pig Roast on the beach scheduled for Memorial Day has been cancelled. After a meeting with the department heads from Park and Recreation, Board of Selectmen, Department of Public Works and the Police Department this event was cancelled and/or postponed to be included in the firework festivities.

A request to host a "Battle of the Bands" for 11 to 15 bands on the beach May 21-22 was discussed. This event previously was hosted in New London and the organizer has indicated they may want to move it to Clinton. Due to the beach improvements being done during that time and the soccer tournament R. Potter denied this request.

New Business:

- The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission is scheduled for June 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. There is no July meeting scheduled.
- Field requests and schedule submittals were discussed and will be further discussed at the June meeting
- Field restoration and field closures were briefly discussed and will be discussed further at the June meeting
- The current Morgan fields will be available for use until the end of August. Field 6 and Morgan practice field will also be available.
- The new Morgan baseball field/softball field will open for play in the Spring of 2017
- The lacrosse and football will open for play in the Fall of 2016

Directors Report:

- Training for the new recreation scheduling software began this week. This software includes scheduling, rentals, registration, facilities, etc.
- Lois, Justin and Bo are all being trained on the new recreational software.

- A new account number will be assigned to the Activity Revolving Fund (ARF).
- A laptop will be utilized by the beach gate keepers for the purchase of beach passes. The money taken in daily, for beach passes, will be picked up by the Director.
- The commissioners had a discussion about adding an additional beach pass (possibly a day pass). This will be discussed further at the June meeting.
- The Town Beach Concession Stand, controlled by the Selectmen, was discussed.
- The Sailing Club has raised \$20,000 and has purchased 6 boats, 2 slips and 2 trail boats. Racks to store these boats during the season will be installed at the town beach. When the Sailing Club becomes a Park and Recreation sponsored program the boats will become the town's equipment. The commissioners would like a map of the beach, noting where the boats will be launched and stored and the hours of their operation so as not to interfere with beach goers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk