



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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Town Clerk

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Sharon Community Center
Thursday, February 16, 2023

Present: Gary Bluestein, Chris Valois, Cheryl Whiting, Erin Wilkinson, Landon Goldfarb, Lori Morgan, Steve Ferrara, Veronica Weisman
Staff: Linda Berger, Frank Livera
Guests: Lena O'Leary, Nancy Desrochers, Katie Levis

Call to Order – Gary called meeting to order at 6:33PM

Approval January Minutes: Cheryl/Veronica; all in favor-zero opposed; Steve Ferrara abstained.

Discussion Proposed Carnival Dates (May 18th-May 21st) Katie stated the carnival would take place May 18-May 21. Dates have been vetted with DPW/Police Departments. As DPW had to fix divots left by the carnival last year and also loam/seed would collect a refundable security deposit and give back if no damage incurred. Agreed the carnival personnel stated that they would take care of any damage and just to invoice them should damage occur.

Motion to recommend to the Select Board the dates of May 18-May 21st for SYBSA to hold their annual carnival. Veronica/Lori: all in favor – zero opposed

Community Gardens (Nancy Desrochers) Would like to build raised beds for people with mobility issues. Lena O'Leary, an Eagle Scout, would like to help out. She stated that it would be a wood structure. Would be semi-permanent. She will bring to the Committee her design. Right now this is in the very preliminary stages. Veronica said she had a contact who has built these and would be happy to share their contact information with Lena. Nancy to send along the garden's financials. She stated they don't hold onto much more than \$300.00 annually.

Dog Park Committee: Tabled for another time.

Director's Report: Linda stated that recreation basketball is winding down. Frank said it has been a great season so far. High school league numbers are down. Saturday, March 11th will be the Championships. High School will be on March 24th. Frank is in the process of collecting summer job applications. We will not need as many lifeguards as we are not staffing the Community Center side of the beach this season. Frank will be teaching a lifeguard course in June and August again this summer. Barry Spoto to be the new Waterfront Supervisor. Boat pass sales begin on March 1st to be effective March 15th. Pending Select Board vote, we will have the ability to permit food trucks for special events. Trying to figure out the concession stand as we have not got a vendor as of yet. Polar Plunge to happen March 4th. We are in the process of transforming the game room to a room to be used for pre-school classes. We also do outdoor pre-school classes. Landon requested

classes be held later in the day for the age group and more on weekends. Gary and the committee questioned accessibility to Community Center on weekends as they believed a staff was hired years ago to remain open. Linda shared since her time with the department (almost seven years) it is rental only for special events on weekends. Gary asked for facility rental usage and Linda shared it was about 50% of weekends booked. Will forward information to Gary at later date.

Liaison Updated: Veronica stated that there are 3 finalists for the new high school principal and that they are very good candidates. One of the finalists lives in Stoughton (vice principal Taunton school); another is Asst. Principal @ Sharon High School. Budget season underway. Gary wants to discuss update on athletic facilities and Veronica said she'd bring Julie Rowe to a future meeting as she is heavily involved.

Lake Management: Gary stated as we all know that there is a huge geese population on the lake and surroundings. There is a procedure call addling – find geese nests and oil the eggs so they can't go through full reproduction process. Can't just break the eggs as they will just lay more and more eggs. Have to go through Conservation. Also, trying to come up with a solution for cleaning up the lake.

Old Business: None

Business Not Known Within 48 Hours: Get opinion of Cost Feasibility Study-subcommittee of 3 to discuss how we can move forward with the study we did.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned Landon/Steve; all in favor-zero opposed

Next Meeting: March 16th @ 6:30PM