

## Recreation Advisory Committee

LOCATION OF MEETING: Sharon Community Center

DATE & TIME: February 26, 2015

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Attendees: Gary Bluestein- Chairman, Steve Lesco -Vice Chairman, Cheryl Whiting, Margaret Marder, Steve Ferrara, Rick Schantz - via tele-conference, Christine Kasparian - Assist. Recreation Director

Meeting called to order 7:09 p.m.

Motion made and passed to accept the minutes from the January 22, 2015 meeting with the following corrections: Without the addition of another staff member, Amanda will be looking for \$3,600 to cover the OT hours Christine *will* work to provide the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Festivities, Lake front concerts and other special events.

Presentation by SYBSA - Larry Yaffe, President and Dan Rabatsky, Vice President-Softball gave an update regarding the improvements and successes of the Sharon Youth Baseball and Softball Association. In the past three years, enrollment has stabilized around 500 participants. They expressed that there has been dropping attendance throughout the state, as more children are playing different sports and AAU leagues. They also reported that their tournaments are extremely success with a high participation rate. Additionally, they gave an update regarding the condition of both Ames Street and Deborah Sampson facilities. The following needs repair: Deborah Sampson - post & rail fence needs replacement and speed bump addition during the Spring/Summer season. Ames Street - Drain pipes need to be cleared and cleaned, fields are bowling, and snack shack renovation (already put in as a Capitol Project.

SYBSA was seeking approval to display banners at Ames Street.

Motion: Margaret

Second: Steve L.

Unanimous Vote

Presentation by Max Performance - Tim Richmond gave us a presentation regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Sharon Triathlon. He reported terrific feedback from past athletes who participated in the Triathlon. Additionally, he reviewed all of the teams and organizations that volunteer for the annual race. Max Performance donates over \$1500 each year to the teams and organizations that volunteer. In addition to an update, Tim was seeking a tiered structure for his permit fee. His proposal was as follows: \$3,500 for 650 athletes, \$3,000 for 600 athletes, \$2,500 for 550 athletes, \$2,000 as a base fee.

After reviewing, the committee voted on the following Permit Fee Structure for 2015: \$3,500 for 650 athletes, \$3,250 for 600 athletes, \$3,000 for 550 athletes, and \$2,750 as a base fee.

Motion: Steve F.

Second: Margaret

Unanimous

Sharon High School Parking Pass- On February 3, 2015, Selectman Roach recommended that the Recreation Department find a solution for overflow Sharon High School parking. After meeting with the town administrator (Fred Turkington), Amanda created 2 options for an SHS parking solution: Option #1 - Create an additional pass for \$125 to include in our 2015 Summer Beach Parking Pass. Option #2 - Add an extension to the existing Summer Beach Parking Pass. The pass would be \$125 from April 1<sup>st</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>, and then the pass would reduce to \$67 on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The committee did not vote on this matter, but offered two possible solutions and one major concern:

Solution #1 - Keep passes at \$67 for the entire season and begin to sell all passes on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Solution #2 - Offer a \$125 student pass in addition to the \$67 pass. If this happens, the lot to the right will be reserved for student parking, and the lot to the left will be reserved for resident parking.

Concerns - The committee was concerned about both options, as residents will be unable to park at the beach without a pass from April 1<sup>st</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup> when, in the past, they have been able to do so.

Recreation Update: Christine gave a report on basketball, spring programs, and summer happenings. Basketball is wrapping up after a very successful season. Paul Izzo has been a tremendous asset to the Sharon Recreation Basketball team. All championship games are wrapping up by March 8<sup>th</sup>. For spring programs, Sharon Recreation will be offering an assortment of clinics in tandem with the SHS Athletic Department including: field hockey,

ultimate Frisbee, and youth running. Additionally, Tai chi, group personal training, and karate will continue until the summer months. Christine is working on programming for April Vacation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17PM

Respectfully Submitted

Christine Kasparian, Assistant Recreation Director