



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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Town Clerk

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Sharon Community Center
Thursday, January 18, 2018

Present: Gary Bluestein, Steve Lesco, Cheryl Whiting, Chris Valois, Ro Desai, Steve Ferrara,
Staff: Linda Berger, Jonathan Lewitus, Maura Palm

Call to Order – Gary called meeting to order at 6:36pm

Approval Minutes December Meeting: Steve Lesco-first; Ro Desai second; all in favor: zero opposed

Adventure Rentals: Stuart from Adventure Rentals met with the Committee to discuss offering kayak/paddleboard rentals to the residents during the summer months. Would also like to offer a free safety course possibly in June. Not sure of how many boats will be offered but will get that information to the board at a later time. They will put a 20' storage container in the left side of the parking lot for the season. The people renting will register directly thru Adventure Rentals and will pay town stipend of 15% with a 1 year contract. They have been operating in the UK for 20 years and are now branching out here. They are willing to provide a boat during the concert series. They will provide lifejackets and all safety related material. Motion to approve: Steve Lesco/Steve Ferrara – all in favor; zero opposed.

Open Space & Recreation Plan: Linda stated Conservation Commission will follow up in the future. Some discussion on future plans for Memorial Park Beach. Gary stated that we do a spring walk-thru and get some ideas for improvement. Linda stated that monies were submitted to CPC for both Veteran's Memorial Park Beach and playground improvements. Annual budget included annual maintenance of the playground. Steve Ferrara questioned who will maintain all the grounds – Linda stated that DPW has a Forestry & Grounds division and that she works with Matt Baldasari to coordinate this. Our annual town budget allows for hiring certified playground inspector to conduct annual inspection to make sure all is up to code.

Director's Report: Stoughton High School athletic department is looking to use Sharon's tennis courts as they are under construction for their new high school. Linda stated that she believes it is a good idea to help out as we may be in similar position in future years. They will provide a port-o-potty.

Recommendation for Stoughton High to use courts:

Steve Ferrara-first/Steve Lesco-second; all in favor; zero opposed.

Chowderfest: Haven't received application; Cheryl to follow up with rotary contact. Linda stated that the December programs went well. The concert was well attended. Ro stated that we could possibly do back to back events. Will take under advisement. The department is bringing in Viking Sports at a very reasonable cost for spring/summer sports. Have sent out permits to various sports leagues-they are due back to Linda by 2/15/18.

Jon discussed have a Kids Rock event in the fall 2019. Get sponsors and other communities involved. Also stated we are in desperate need of summer employees. Basketball is going very well. Stated he feels the need to take more control of the leagues in the future and to collaborate more with the travel leagues.

Old Business: None

Other Business: YMCA doing swim lessons again this years. Very successful. Looking forward to collaborating again this year.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2018

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm-motion to adjourn: Steve Ferrara/Cheryl Whiting; all in favor, zero opposed