



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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Town Clerk

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Sharon Community Center
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Present: Gary Bluestein, Mitch Blaustein, Steve Lesco, Cheryl Whiting, Steve Ferrara, Rick Schantz
Staff: Linda Berger, Christine Kasparian, Maura Palm

Call to Order – Gary called meeting to order at 7:01pm

Present: Marine Modelers came in to request use of VMPB for use 7/9 & 8/20 from 11am-3pm (approx. 10-15 participants) to have radio control boats. Anyone is invited to watch. It is something they have offered at the lake for several years. Committee voted to approve 5-0-1 the two dates and see how it goes next year. Marine Modelers must purchase a non-resident guest pass and gate attendants will be informed of their arrival.

Cross Country-John O'Reilly-Running a race (3rd year) from Deborah Sampson Parks – 2 mile course. Hosting with a course maximum of 350. Will have police detail – has spoken with Don Williams from Sharon P.D. already. Board approved unanimously.

John McGrath-looking to have a monument placed beside flag at Deborah Sampson entrance in order of only police officer, Strafford Allen, who was killed in line of duty. Selectman McGrath to bring back to the committee a draft and location of for approval.

January Minutes: Approved with one change. Add location of the MRPA conference in March to the DCU Conference Center in Worcester, MA. Unanimously approved by committee.

Director's Report- Director stated that the spring/summer brochure will be mailed out next week and a lot of new and exciting programs. Registration opens February 27th. Christine worked very hard to put the brochure together. Please with diverse offerings and many new partnerships.

New beach rates and new hours were approved at the January 31st Board of Selectmen's meeting. Field Permits are in and paperwork being processed next week.

Attended Community Preservation Committee meeting and projects for basketball courts at Ames Street and recreation area in front of the Community Center were approved and projects will be presented at Town Meeting.

Director gave brief update on the Ames Street Playground project. Director saw a draft and is requesting modifications from landscape architect. Will present rendering with photos of specific equipment as soon as

the changes requested have been made. Gary stated that it would have to move quickly to get it up and running by late spring. Director stated a lot of detail has been taken into consideration to provide a playground that meets ages 2-12 with varied ages/abilities and takes into consideration varied movements and motions.

Director met with Ruth Freeman to discuss possibility of putting a pavilion at Ames Street in memory of Ezra Schwartz. She will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss.

RFP Concession Stand: Recreation Director shared agreement and requested committee review and forward any edits. Changes made to document include storage of propane and added an option to renew. Will consult with Lauren Barnes to determine next steps to post for the summer 2017 season.

New Business: Dave Clifton emailed the Recreation Director to request the Diversity Celebration participate someday at annual Square Jam. Committee to request he come to the March meeting to discuss further.

Director stated the department is seeking summer help, lifeguards, WSI, etc. and the department would help in staff obtaining proper certifications.

Next Meeting March 16, 2017

Motion to adjourn: Steve Ferrara, Cheryl Whiting, Second. All in favor, zero opposed.

Meeting adjourned: 8.39pm