



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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Town Clerk

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

Present: Gary Bluestein, Margaret Marder, Steve Lesco, Cheryl Whiting, Steve Ferrara, Rick Schantz
Staff: Linda Berger, Christine Kasparian, Maura Palm
Guests: Ruth Freeman, Dave Clifton, Dan Rabatsky, Gerry Wright

Call to Order – Gary called meeting to order at 7:04pm

Approval of February Minutes: Steve Lesco approved, Margaret Marder, second. All in favor-zero opposed.

Present: Ruth Freeman: requesting approval to erect a pavilion in honor of Ezra Schwartz, a resident of Sharon who was killed in a terrorist attack. Much discussion on the location of potential pavilion. Ruth stated she and family would secure funding. Maintenance was also discussed. Recreation Advisory Committee recommended working with director to determine size and location to move project forward. Will send recommendation to Board of Selectman.

Dave Clifton: Requesting permission to include Diversity Event at the annual Square Jam. Would like to have 20+ tables at event to have international flavor. Discussion on feasibility to have that many tables and location. Advised Dave would take under consideration and get back to him within the week.

Dan Rabatsky/Gerry Wright: Gary stated he wanted updated financials. Dan said league running very well. Discussion on drop in number of participants. Dan stated demographics a major reason. Diversity playing a large role in the shift along with children doing other activities. Linda stated she needed specific information for times field being requested in order to issue permits. Discussion on possibly offering an expo to educate parents/children on youth sports. SYBSA fundraising event, annual carnival, being held last weekend in April.

Director's Report-

Women's Softball League: Recreation oversight starting this season.

Future field development at Camp Everwood: Concern from RAC chair is elimination of trees. Waiting on list of what Everwood needs and then will see what town may help with to move project forward. Recreation Dept. would like to run programs on the fields as well.

Field Permits: Director stated she wants specific times of when fields are being used and not a blanket reservation. Suggestion of visiting the fields during two weeks to see when fields actually being used in comparison to time reserved.

Kayak storage at Veteran's Memorial Beach. Cheryl stated a lot of interest in the project. Possibly to charge \$75.00 per season. Paul Spender would be building it and would take into consideration the logistics of such a project, i.e. height, safety, etc. Season would encompass May-October this year and April through Columbus

Day moving forward. Patrons would sign Indemnification Agreement. This would be available to Sharon residents only and on a first come, first serve basis.

New sheds being purchased for Community Center Beach/Veterans Memorial Park Beach. Much needed storage for main beach and replacement at Community Center side.

Update Ames Street Playground: Coming along nicely – looking at figures: \$106K (equipment); \$50K (install); \$5K (specialists)-will be additional figures as project starts getting underway. Still need costs of surfacing and spreading of surface, fencing, perimeter edging and signage.

Bench Donation Program: Discussion on individual benches being purchased to offset some cost. Rick stated he definitely wanted one.

MRPA Conference: Linda & Christine both spoke about their experience and the sessions attended and new and exciting ideas they brought back with them.

Colin Snow Project: Paul Spender & Glen Peck did a great job in clearing out the bins and getting rid of old, moldy equipment. Colin wants to improve bins for sailing –storage and shelving. New bin will arrive in May with project starting in June, subject to RAC and BOS approval.

Motion to approve: Steve Ferrara/Cheryl Whiting 2nd-All in favor/zero opposed.

Lake Fee FAQ: Created to clear up much confusion started by a misinformed Facebook feed. Error noted and corrected. Assistant Director will modify and repost.

Other Business: Town Meeting will present netting, basketball courts and Recreation Area at the Community Center.

Margaret asked about archway-know that DPW is working on improvements.

Question on helicopter (Norfolk County Pesticide) to land at Gavins for refueling-no objections

Clarification on Dave Clifton's request: Committee recommends written permission from Bank of America as it is privately owned. Board recommends securing sizeable donation from the Rotary/Lions Club towards Square Jam and does not impede on fundraising efforts for this event. Recommended keeping it to 5 tables or less. Also wish to have interactive events as part of their expanded area.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2017 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn: Steve Ferrara, Margaret Marder, Second. All in favor, zero opposed.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15pm