



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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Town Clerk

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Sharon Community Center
Thursday, May 18, 2017

Present: Gary Bluestein, Steve Lesco, Cheryl Whiting, Steve Ferrara,
Staff: Linda Berger, Christine Kasparian, Maura Palm
Guests: Girl Scouts, Todd Arnold

Call to Order – Gary called meeting to order at 7:02pm

Approval of April Minutes: Steve Lesco approved, Cheryl Whiting, second. All in favor-zero opposed.

Present: Girl Scout Troop 74037 came to request the possibility of doing a book exchange at one of the recreation locations-possibly Ames St. or the dog park. They gave a written dossier and gave a nice oral report about their project. A couple of questions came up about maintenance and stocking. They said they would definitely pass it on to future troops. Discussion of how to do install. It is waterproof and weather sealed. They're in the process of completing it.

Vote to Approve: Mitch Blaustein approved, Steve Lesco, second. All in favor-zero opposed.

Director's Report- Linda talked about:

Upcoming Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 20th. Going to be great weather. Have 25 plus people signed up. Linda is attended a leadership seminar in Sturbridge.

Met with the insurance company –we overall in good shape w/signage. They'll put together an audit to consolidate signed.

Had a forum on May 12th to discuss new Christian's law. All groups coming to utilize lake must be swim tested and if they do not pass must wear an approved 1, 2, 3 life vest. Stated that some towns are eliminating groups altogether.

Discussion on new town projects-new high school, town hall, Community Education building, etc.

Todd Arnold representing the Massapoag Sportsman's Club generously donated gift cards from Bass Pro Shops for the Fishing Derby and stated they would be willing to also help out.

Linda stated that playground equipment arrives 5/30 to the installer. If good weather will be installed in a timely manner.

Citizen of the Year: Suggestions on who to nominate for this year's award. Katie & Scott Dykeman who run our Stars program for children with disabilities would be a possibility. RAC suggested to revisit with BOS again to gather additional nominees. Tabled until next meeting.

Job Descriptions: Discussed updating Asst. Recreation Director & Secretary's job descriptions – no changes/updates necessary. Motion to approve: Steve Ferrara, Steve Lesco, second. All in favor-zero opposed.

Old Business: Pickleball courts – citizen wants to line court 2 and 3. Not in the budget but will follow up with Sharon Tennis Association. Talked about push timers for tennis courts & ice rink (Capital).

Other Business: Many complaints on beach fees. Gary suggested that we revisit this after the season ends. Enforcement issues are problematic. Many cars in the lot presently have no pass. Gary suggested seeing how many cars have been ticketed since request was put in with police and then sending the Selectmen and email for guidance. Probably too late to do this year as school as getting out and parking won't be a further issue. Bathrooms vandalized @ Ames Street Playground. They will remain locked until the playground opens. Mitch Blaustein advised he is moving out of town, therefore, resigning from the Recreation Advisory Committee. This will be his last meeting. He was thanked for his years of service.

Next Meeting: June 22, 2017

Motion to adjourn: Mitch Blaustein, Steve Ferrara, Second. All in favor, zero opposed.

Meeting adjourned: 8:42 pm