



**TOWN OF SHARON
MEETING MINUTES**

**Recreation Advisory Committee
Community Center
Thursday, September 15th
7:02pm-8:55pm**

1. Call to Order
2. July Meeting Minutes approved.
3. Director's Report;
Report was reviewed. Highlights include discussion on Fall Programs, Basketball, Trunk or Treat, successful movie night with SEF partnership, permit- just waiting on School Dept, Beech Tree (those interested in joining meeting come October 19th to meeting, 7pm- discussion included getting various community partners to table to get involved. School Dept suggested we see if driver is available from Community Ed, meeting with Mom's Club and Community Chorus. Motion made which stated Sharon Recreation Department Advisory Committee makes recommendation to have Recreation Director summarize recent concerns brought forward by local organizations that wish to return to operating their community activities inside the Sharon Community Center. Several organizations have communicated the current fee structure makes it cost prohibitive and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends review of such policies to open restrictions on groups that will help Sharon Recreation Department grow programs. Rec board feels that this was not the intent of the select board when the fees were implemented.
4. Financials
 - a. End of Summer Wrap Up – Strong financial summer. Many programs status quo and saved on expenses but due to weather conditions, strong summer for beach and waterfront for beach tag sales. Due to structure and visibility, we increased staffing at Veterans Memorial which had us to a small net loss.
 - b. Potential Changes 2017
 - i. Lake Recommendations; Potential Changes 2017
 1. Sub-Committee formed with Cheryl Whiting and Steve Ferreira to look at beach fees, resident/non- resident policies, and overall best beach practices. Tight turnaround time (by early December) to get everything in order for BOS approval before Spring/Summer Program guide.
 - ii. Outdoor Reservation Form- Linda Berger and Steve Ferreira shared form they've been working on for outdoor use at Veterans Memorial Beach Park. Committee will review and come back with suggestions for next meeting.
5. Professional Development Opportunities
Massachusetts Recreation and Parks Association is paying for Linda's National Conference in St. Louis this year. As a result, there is money available in budget to send Christine to comprehensive, well respected, National Supervisor Program. Information was enclosed. Board voted unanimously in favor of her to move forward with registration process.
6. Ames Street Playground
Slow and steady progress has been made regarding the playground renovations. The Concession stand is completed as of 9/15 and looks wonderful under the leadership of Matt Baldassari from DPW.
Playground design should be in within two weeks for review. Community input meeting will hopefully take place in November. Working with Nancy White, Playground Consultant. Information to follow when available.
7. Old Business
 - a. Master Plan Follow Up
Forward your Master Plan section to Linda to compile.
8. Other Business that the committee wishes to discuss that was not known 48 hours in advance
Capital Projects due to Town Hall by October 6th. Thinking of a few projects for submission including; address front of Community Center to have an additional bocce court, resurface court (and expand) for pickleball/shuffleboard, and concrete table tennis. Ames Street basketball court resurfaced and new backboard, rims, and padded poles. Sound system at Veterans Memorial Beach.
9. Adjourn: 8:55pm