



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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Town Clerk

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Sharon Community Center
Thursday, June 21, 2018

Present: Gary Bluestein, Cheryl Whiting, Steve Ferrara, Ro Desai, Kevin Weber (DPW), Dr. Victoria Greer
(Superintendent Sharon Public Schools)
Staff: Linda Berger, Maura Palm, Jon Lewitus

Call to Order – Gary called meeting to order at 6:35pm

Approval of May minutes: All in favor; zero opposed

Citizen of the Year: Much discussion on this award; Various nominations reviewed; Rob Maidman nominated by Kathleen Medeiros, COA, who has volunteered for various committees/boards in town-motion: Steve Lesco/Chery Whiting; Another great option would be Tim & Katrina Traut Savino as the second recipient: Steve Lesco/Chery Whiting; all in favor-zero opposed

Dr. Victoria Greer: Gary welcomes Superintendent and introductions are made. Gary explains the role of the Committee. Linda stated that she would like to have our relationship with the school based on the model of our field use – which is reciprocal for the greater good for both schools/town. The department is appreciative of our strong working relationship with Meg Dussault (Community Education) on programs, waterfront, etc. Linda stated that the best sport collaboration currently is with the sailing program taught by Gary Werden. We serve as a feeder to his successful program as he recommends our summer staff. We run the summer program and it funnels in to the high school sailing team. Another successful model is the Youth Running Program with 77 participants this year; the Recreation Department is working with Dave Morse to oversee the flag football program this year.

Space needs were discussed in depth. Basketball start time also discussed to possibly get in the gyms earlier. Dr. Greer stated that they are also stretched for space. Gary stated that maybe fees could be discussed for basketball as custodians are already there during the week-Dr. Greer said she would discuss with the School Committee and we discuss at the BOS level. Due to high rental fees, unfortunately, we may have to look into increasing fees. If custodian costs could be addressed we would not have to. Dr. Greer stated she could look at the fee structure-feels there s/b collaboration across the board. Dr. Greer said she would communicate to her Board to get some ideas on collaboration. Ro mentioned that a school representative is to be on our committee and Marcy was going to bring it to School Committee. Gary said that we had very good representation in the past years and hopes to see it continue. Dr. Greer stated she will follow up to be sure someone is appointed.

Kevin Weber: Kevin is Director of Forestry & Grounds for the town. He stated that lights are being installed at the high school football field. He said everything is going well. More bleachers are needed. Discussed material

for Ames Street for (1) diamond so as not so dusty, however, it is relatively expensive but also less grooming is necessary. He believes we should try it on at least (1) field. Cricket is on the Middle School Field and on the outfield at the High School. They are now working @ East to laser grade, reloom and seed. Gavins is heavily used; the irrigation is on a lot. He stated he has 6 men on his crew and they take care of all town/school properties. Kevin is going to get Gary a chart of when different areas are being taken care of.

Kevin stated that irrigation lines @ Ames Street may have to replace the controller. Kevin stated that goals are everywhere and have to be moved to do work. Linda suggested possibly locking them up. DPW relined Ames Street Parking lot.

Director's Report: Jon attend year one NRPA Director School in Wheeling, West Virginia. It is a great opportunity to meet directors from around the country and learn. Steve Ferrara in favor; Ro motion to go: Steve Ferrara second; all in favor-zero opposed.

Linda requested approval to attend 2018 National Recreation and Park Association Conference in September (Indianapolis); Steve Ferrara-Yes; Ro second; all in favor-zero opposed.

Master Plan: Ro said he had attended "Imagine Sharon"; drew about 100+ people; discussions back and forth on the values of Sharon. He will give us more update in the future. Linda stated that Square Jam is in good shape, still taking table registrations and have various donations to cover costs.

Gary asked if Civil Defense has given any plans as of yet-Linda to request from Mike Polimer. Summer program registrations going well; Beach pass sales ahead of YTD 2017.

Goals 2016-2025: Please provide what you feel is relevant, no longer relevant or new initiatives we should investigate. Give suggestions to Linda. Ro said he'd like to see some play elements, possibly swings at Memorial Park Beach. Gary said for Ro to give him some idea of where he thinks they could go; give Linda feedback to put in Master Plan going forward.

Other Business: Gary stated he has been getting complaints about people (non-residents) getting into the beach before 10AM; Possibly police patrol?

Recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for cars parked at Veterans Memorial Park Beach to have pass to be displayed or get a ticket.

Cheryl Whiting motioned to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to have cars parked at VMM to have pass displayed or get ticket; Ro second motion; all in favor-zero opposed.

Adventure Activities on boat launch-getting a lot of interest. They have kayaks/paddleboards for rent. Cheryl stated she was concerned they are infringing on kayak storage-Jon stated that it is not an issue. Linda stated she would monitor when on this weekend.

Old Business: None

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

Motion to Adjourn: Steve Ferrara-Cheryl Whiting-all in favor; zero opposed

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35pm