



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

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Town Clerk

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
Sharon Community Center
Thursday, October 17, 2019

Present: Gary Bluestein, Erin Wilkinson, Steve Ferrara, Cheryl Whiting
Staff: Linda Berger, Frank Livera, Maura Palm
Guests: SYBSA; Kate Harrigan/Alan Wesman; Ed Little; Larry Crossman

Call to Order – Gary called meeting to order at 6:33pm

SYBSA: Representatives Kate Harrigan & Alan Wesman came in to speak about having one of the fields at Deborah Sampson Park become a convertible diamond. Presently have 5 fields @ Deborah Sampson Park. The older children play at the high school. Have a 50/70 transitional program for little leaguers (7th graders) to get them ready for the high school level. Would use portable mounds (approx. 250 lbs.). They are finalizing plans now. Gary stated he sees no issues where it is strictly cosmetic. 7th Graders are playing on a 50/70-Steve Ferrara stated he felt that could be setting them back as he feels that 13 year olds should be on a larger diamond. Question as to whether it will be a skin field vs. grass field. SYBSA will get back to Committee to advise what they are going to do.

Motion to make recommendation to do conversion with skin/grass: Steve Ferrara/Cheryl Whiting; All in favor; zero opposed.

Ed Little: Ed Little came in to request naming the two bocce courts outside of the Community Center in honor of two of his great friends that passes away recently; and friends to the Town of Sharon Walter "Joe" Roach and Ralph Generazzo. Ed suffered another great loss 10 years ago when his barn burnt down losing 11 horses. Joe and Ralph were a great support system along with many other people. Both men were also part of the driving force to get the courts installed.

Motion to recommend to the Select Board for naming rights and plaque design: Gary/Steve; All in favor; zero opposed.

Larry Crossman: Larry came in to discuss the annual Polar Plunge to be held on February 29, 2020. It had already been advertised and Larry explained he had to coordinate with several entities to get the date by October 8th. For the future, if there are no changes in blueprint, could just send in letter of request instead of appearing before the Committee.

Motion to recommend to the Select Board: Steve/Erin; All in favor; zero opposed.

Gary welcomed Frank Livera as the new Assistant Recreation Director. Frank said he's happy to be here and is anxious to be part of our team.

Approval of Minutes: Gary had a question on the minutes; Linda stated that Ro is to send email with his concern to police in support of Avi as the Police Department is not responding to his request for a meeting. Voted to accept minutes: Cheryl/Gary; All in favor

FY21 Capital/CPC Requests: Much discussion on various requests and order to put them in. Truck – looking to upgrade; presently have 2007 Ford pick-up that is showing its' age; Outdoor AED's @ Ames, Deborah Sampson, Gavins-Steve Ferrara concerned about vandalism as they are outside. High School field project; very little communication about fields; town needs a multi-purpose field, however, school did not get input from other users. Lights @ Ames Street would only benefit Men's Softball, Linda stated. Erin said conditions at Ames Street are getting bad, however, the issue is in the maintaining of the fields. Tennis wall: Steve stated he would move that to the bottom of the list; Lights-get rid of that; keep the truck Pickleball: Put that in CPC for \$250,000 Compost bath at the Community Center beach – all items discussed in detail

Director's Report: Linda let the committee know that kayaks were requested to be out by the 15th-most are some still need to be picked up. Our annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 27th; so far we have 32 cars; all of the PTO's are participating.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: 6:30pm on November 21st

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03 PM