

**The Shelton Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday; April 19, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Shelton Community Center, 54 Church Street, Shelton, Connecticut 06484**

**Commission Members :** John Papa, Chairman  
Diana Barry  
Gary Cahill (excused)  
Dee Carey (absent)  
Joseph DeFilippo  
Paul Gabor  
Stanley Kudej (excused)  
Harry Labonda  
Carey Moran  
Michelle Pagliaro Haywood  
David Zamba  
Robert Zuraw

**Staff Members:** Ronald Herrick, Director of Parks & Recreation(excused)  
Ann Marie Boehlert, Aquatic Director  
Dean Cawthra (absent)  
Jim Mastrony, Recreation Supervisor

**Tape #1 on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Attachments are not available on the website.**

**John Papa opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

**There was no public portion.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH MINUTES:**

*On a motion made by David Zamba seconded by Robert Zuraw it was unanimously voted to approve the March minutes.*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A letter sent by Ron Herrick to Mr. Mark Tortora of the Woodbridge Trinity Church Youth Group. This letter was to thank their organization for the volunteer work of their community service project at the Shelton High School attending to the grounds and trails.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

Ron Herrick not present, see attached. Also, note the date on the heading should read April 19, 2007.

Jim Mastrony met with the state DEP regarding Sunnyside Boat Ramp, Milford is doing work on their boat ramp therefore, the public does not have access to that boat ramp and so the DEP is looking for use of one elsewhere. The Sunnyside Boat Ramp is not what they were looking for; they seemed interested in Sullivan's Island in Derby. The parking seems sufficient, and they believe it to be owned by Department of Transportation. The DEP will contact DOT.

A moment of silence was observed for the events of Virginia Tech.

The Herb Johnson monument was removed from Lafayette baseball field to enlarge the area for Lacrosse practice. It has been suggested by John Papa that it be moved to the Nike Site. Attempts will be made to contact the Johnson family for a short ceremony of the relocation of the monument.

**AQUATIC DIRECTOR:**

See attached.

Problem with the waste.

**RECREATION SUPERVISOR:**

This is the busiest time of the year. The Adult Indoor Volleyball League is just ending with over 30 teams in which participated. The Girls Rec Softball starts next week, Adult Softball League starts tomorrow (4-20-07), and Indoor Summer Basketball League will begin on May 14th at the old school. Classes and programs are very busy right now.

The Skate Park opened on Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, we sold about (seven) 7 yearly passes to date. We will run "clinics" and Jim has contacted an individual regarding a "BMX" clinic, the "Y" will be advertising soon.

The weight room in the past month has had a lot of work done: new flooring, there is a new rower on order to replace an old one, a new treadmill will be in next month, walls were painted, and dumbbells were painted. Also, new work out posters and a plant were added, we are sprucing things up, and next year there are plans to replace other equipment.

Rentals/fees have gone down quite a bit on programs, down about 30,000. Recreation has had more classes than ever, but next month should pick up in other areas.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS:**

Dean Cawthra not present, see attached.

Note: A Nor'eastern storm presented us with a lot of rain and flooding.

*On a motion made by Joe DeFillipo seconded by David Zamba it was unanimously voted to accept all Staff Reports.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:**

Everything looks fine.

**GAZEBO:**

Carey Moran believes we are all set. Booked another band for June 20<sup>th</sup>.

David Zamba will be making a recommendation next week regarding the fireworks, talked to Tom Welch.

**AD COMMITTEE:**

Waiting for final band contracts before flyers can be printed. We will try to have them ready before the next meeting.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE:**

Stanley Kudej is excused; he is at a Board of Alderman Meeting. We had a walk around in which Diana, Ron, Stan and John were in attendance. Stanley will be coming up with some of the ideas we want to address. John will talk to Dean when the list is complete.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:**

David Zamba will talk to Tom Harvison concerning a representative.

*On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by David Zamba it was unanimously voted to accept all Committee Reports.*

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Purchase order is in for the silt and stones for Sunnyside Boat Ramp for the erosion. The budget seems to be looking good, it appears that all parties agreed.

Some major concerns regarding the outside cleaning service and the part-time cleaning crew, these concerns have been brought to the attention of Joe Sewack and George.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The question regarding having one outside vendor per concert on the green was addressed. There was much discussion.

Ron's suggestion is that these vendors follow the same rules as non-profit vendors, i.e., calling for request of a specific date, or calling on the Friday before a concert to book an additional date if no one has it. A maximum of two (2) concerts per vendor per concert, also no one on the street, and instead of a fee, a donation can be made.

John placed a call to Corporation Council regarding the question of a contribution, and is currently awaiting an answer.

This decision will be finalized next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Athletic Camp usage fees - anyone using our ball fields have to pay \$100.00 a day plus liability insurance to use our facilities. This policy must be enforced.

John Papa will be honored next month at the Bridgeport Old Timers Athletic Association for the "Outstanding Blast from The Past" award, as mentioned by Harry Labonda.

*On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Diana Barry it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:12PM.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Janice Heusser  
Clerk