

The Shelton Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday; March 15, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Shelton Community Center, 54 Church Street, Shelton, Connecticut 06484

Commission Members :

- John Papa, Chairman (excused)**
- Diana Barry**
- Gary Cahill (excused)**
- Dee Carey**
- Paul Gabor (absent)**
- Stanley Kudej (excused)**
- Harry LaBonda**
- Carey Moran**
- Michelle Pagliaro Haywood (excused)**
- David Zamba**
- Robert Zuraw**

Staff Members:

- Ronald Herrick, Director of Parks & Recreation**
- Ann Marie Boehlert, Aquatic Director**
- Jim Mastrony, Recreation Supervisor**

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

David Zamba opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Zamba also welcomed new Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Diana Barry along with new clerk, Janice Heusser.

PUBLIC PORTION:

There was no public portion.

ACCEPTANCE OF FEBRUARY MINUTES:

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Dee Carey it was unanimously voted to approve the February minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter of resignation was submitted by John Browne to the Parks and Recreation Commission due to ongoing business obligations and traveling to see his children and grandchildren, dated February 23, 2007.
- A copy of the February minutes from the Building and Grounds Committee along with the Board of Education thanking both John and Ron for their attendance. Some of the items talked about Dean and his members have already taken care of at the High School.
- A letter of appreciation from Elspeth Lydon, Plumb Memorial Library dated February 26th, 2007 regarding the maintenance of the snow removal on the sidewalks, and parking lot area for both employees and patrons alike.
- A letter from Tony Branca of the Shelton Youth Lacrosse requesting that the baseball backstop in the back of Lafayette School be taken down to enable and utilize the field space to its full capacity. The Shelton Youth Lacrosse is also asking that the Parks and Recreation Commission provide help to repair and/or restore the field for the Pop Warner Program.
- In a memo dated March 9, 2007 addressed to the Shelton Weekly from Ron Herrick asking for a retraction of a story which ran in their publication in regards to the town of Shelton running a lacrosse clinic with no fees involved. A call was also placed to the Huntington Herald.

STAFF REPORTS:

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Women's Volleyball is ending the week of March 19th. April 9th and 10th for the other. Getting ready for the spring with softball registration, lacrosse, little league, soccer. Met with the Y and we are scheduled to open up the Skate Park on April 14th. Dean has some ideas with the problems we have had and will take some action which will help. Tennis nets were put up we have our 1st shipment of clay. Dave and Joe went to a workshop on Playground Safety which will help us on our weekly inspections. Eight contracts for Concert Bands will be going out in the mail on Friday, March 16th. Boat ramp stickers have been ordered, portalets will be out for April 15th. Remembering Silvio Muratori; a deceased part-time employee of the Boat Ramps and of the Gyms. Next week is the budget hearing; the budget was trimmed by \$15,000.00. We are now accepting applications for the Playground Supervisor position. Busy

with rentals. *Walk about has been canceled and rescheduled for Saturday, March 31st, at 8:30 AM meeting at Stan's.

AQUATIC DIRECTOR:

No questions for Ann Marie.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR:

Getting a booklet put together for some summer programs for kids, along with camps and activities at the community center. The skate park will be opening in another month or so. There is a concern regarding the hours of operation and the kids that frequent the state park after hours with mention of sending a letter to the Police Department.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS:

There is a hold on the painting within the White Hills Fire House, due to a problem in the hallway going downstairs with mold and rot in a sink, call placed to Joe Sewack. Received a new "articulating tractor", and have used it for cutting brush at the high school and removing snow from the community center also.

On a motion made by Joe DeFillipo seconded by Robert Zuraw it was unanimously voted to accept all Staff Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Paul Gabor is absent, there is no finance report.

GAZEBO:

Carey Moran believes we are all set. Ron Herrick mentioned adding a concert at the beginning, because we came in under budget. A tentative schedule given to David Zamba by Carey Moran. HSBC Headquarters in New York expressed interest in sponsoring a Jazz Band Concert. The bids for the fireworks are progressing.

AD COMMITTEE:

Thursday, April 19th, 6:30 PM.

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

Stanley Kudej excused absence. As commented by Ron Herrick, The Long Hill School will be doing repairs with volunteers on a committee for Little League with money set aside for an engineering outfit to make repairs to Long Hill baseball fields to help with the drainage.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

David Zamba states there is no longer an open space committee it is part of conservation. However, he is not a member of the conservation committee, but he will advise us if there is something which becomes of concern, currently there is nothing at this time.

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Joseph DeFillipo it was unanimously voted to accept all Committee Reports.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

John Papa is excused; there is no Chairman's Report. *As mentioned above, the walk around is scheduled for March 31st at 8:30 AM.

OLD BUSINESS:

A mixed discussion regarding having a Kettle Corn Vendor for the concerts. Questions asked, do we charge a fee to have them use the green and should we have them physically placed on the green? Due to their clean up and break down process they can not be placed on Church Street which is closed to traffic. We will take a vote at the next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

A "pod" in the parking lot for the libraries used books to send over seas, will be moved, it was temporarily placed there due to the snow.

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Diana Barry it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Janice Heusser
Clerk