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Parks and Recreation Minutes 11/08/2005

Park and Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, November 8, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED - Meeting Minutes

Present: Mr. Joseph Carabello, Ms. Nancy Campbell, Ms. Leslie Mayer
Mr. Don Vitters

Recording Secretary: Laura Munsey

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Carabello welcomed the Commissioners and Guests to the November 8th meeting.

MOTION: (Made by Ms. Mayer, 2nd by Mr. Vitters)

THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPROVES THE OCTOBER 11, 2005 MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (4-0) IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION

2. Special Events

It was reported at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting that Trading Spaces, a television show, may be requesting permits for the taping of an upcoming show in Arlington. Specifics are not yet available and will be forwarded to the Park and Recreation Commission for permitting if needed.

3. Capital Project Updates

Mr. Carabello distributed copies of a correspondence received from Mr. Brian Sullivan, Town Manager, regarding the Management of Park Projects. After discussions regarding individual and collective concerns, Mr. Carabello reported that he would request a meeting with the Town Manager to share the concerns expressed. Mr. Vitters stated he believed it would be a good idea to include a member of the DPW to attend site meetings.

Locke Play ground

Mr. Jalbert will schedule a date for the opening of Locke playground and dedication of bench to Debbie Hayes.

Waldo Play ground

Renovations are being finalized.

Reservoir

Dam Project is finishing up and is within and under budget. The State inspected the Dam during the recent rain and it was found to be operating properly and as designed. Trees will be replanted as required, and a local landscape engineer will be working with the Conservation Commission, Friends Group and Mr. Sanchez on final landscaping plans.

Menotomy Rocks Park

Ms. Clarrisa Rowe, a member of the Menotomy Rocks Friends Committee, invited Ms. Leslie Mayer P&R Commissioner, and Mr. Tony Lionetta of the Finance Committee to walk through the Park and review requested improvements and renovations to this parkland. They also will present a list of possible DPW projects to Mr. John Sanchez, DPW Director. Ms. Mayer distributed to the Commissioners a copy of an annotated budget list. A tree fell during a recent storm and damaged a piece of playground equipment. The Friends Committee and DPW will combine resources to replace this damaged equipment.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Vitters would like to review with Mr. Jalbert the projected renovation costs for future capital projects. Additionally, the Commission would like to review any proposed changes or plans for the Parking Lot located at the Arlington Sports Center.

4. Committee Updates

Field Policy Committee – Mr. Carabello – Nothing new to report

Field Maintenance and User Fee Committee – Mr. Carabello thanked Ms. Campbell for her work on this committee. This committee has completed its work and duties as required.

Sports Center Improvement Committee – Mr. Carabello distributed a correspondence from Mr. Brian Sullivan, Town Manager, regarding Membership guidelines and responsibilities. Mr. Carabello will meet with Mr. Sullivan to share concerns raised by members of the Commission.

Open Space Committee – Ms. Mayer reported the Open Space Committee is currently working on the Management Plan for Great Meadows, and the desire of the Open Space Committee, Conservation

Commission and Neighborhood Group to maintain this land as open space. Much of this area is wetland and the neighborhood groups have constructed some walkways. Ms. Mayer circulated a copy of an informational/promotional report for review.

5. Recreation and Rink Update

Copies of the 2005 Summer Program Analysis Report were distributed to the Commissioners.

6. Other

Ms. Jeanne Leary, Friends of Summer Street Neighborhood Committee, addressed the Commissioners regarding concerns about Traffic and Parking surrounding the Veteran's Memorial Skating Rink. She was referred to the Board of Selectmen, Traffic Advisory Committee. She also expressed interest in having a member of the Neighborhood Committee be appointed to the Sports Center Improvement Committee, and inquired about the proposed Lighted Field Policy, Lights at Buck Field, and Abutters Listings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm