

Tana Babbitt in attendance
Len Cidado in attendance
Kathleen DeGrandis in attendance
Charlie Hammond not in attendance
Mike McDonald Chairman in attendance
Elizabeth Nikiciuk in attendance
Robert Benton in attendance

Jennifer Hruniak Director in attendance
Anne Daley Program Director not in attendance

Re: Recreation Commission meeting Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Meeting commenced at 7:04PM

Review and Vote on March Minutes

Elizabeth motioned to accept, Tana seconded, all in favor, March minutes accepted.

Old Business

No old business to report.

Community Build Project

Jennifer reported that the Selectmen accepted the Snelgrove playground gift at their meeting April 28th. The DPW has cleared the area and removed stumps. Next they will borrow a small bulldozer from Doug King to set the grade. Playground representative, Mike Parodi, will meet with the DPW to check the grade and mark the area where the structure will be built. Excavation and fence repair work also needs to be done.

The Community Build is scheduled to take place June 13 and 14, 2008. The Snelgrove's will be funding the structure and swings. Recreation needs to find donations for the wood fiber surfacing, concrete, and concrete blocks. Equipment and supply needs include an auger or backhoe, bobcat or front loader, two wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, pitchforks, wire band cutters, utility scissors, and caution tape. There needs to be a source of water and electricity at the build, along with a dumpster, restrooms, and activities for children. Elizabeth said we should ask Doug King for access to his building for restrooms. In addition, food and drink donations from local businesses are needed for the volunteers.

25-35 volunteers are needed each day to unload and unwrap equipment, excavate holes, assemble equipment, pour concrete, construct equipment, and clean up. Jennifer reported that she has contacted several organizations in town to recruit volunteers. Mike suggested we send an itemized list of needs to the Lion's Club, Knights of Columbus, and similar groups. Articles are being printed by the Easton Journal and Brockton Enterprise. Handouts will also be sent home through the public schools. Len will contact the Construction Supervisor at Southeastern Regional High School. Kathy expressed

safety concerns about children at the build. Jennifer said it was suggested that some volunteers coordinate and prepare nearby off-site activities for children.

Olmsted/Richardson Playground Project

Stephanie Coose of the Parent Advisory Council presented a proposal to build two new playground structures at Olmsted/Richardson Schools. She asked for the support of the Recreation Commission in applying for CPA funding for this project. The total cost of the projects is \$142,000 and includes two play structures, as well as delivery, installation, and surfacing. She said the PAC will pay for the bollards that are installed around the structures at a cost of \$3,000. Bob asked where the structures will be built. Stephanie responded there will be one at each school, on the grassy area behind Richardson and in the back of Olmsted near the asphalt area. Kathy asked if Recreation has any other priority projects for CPA funding. Mike said there are no projects right now. However, there are some factors that may affect eligibility for CPA funding of this project. The vote will be to support the project, not determine eligibility for funding. Len asked if the structures will be town property or property of the schools. Stephanie will ask David Colton for clarification. Mike asked who will maintain the playgrounds. Stephanie said the school will maintain them and PAC would assist with the maintenance costs. The surfacing is guaranteed for 15 years. Mike motioned to support and fund the PAC's playground proposal with use of CPA funds, Tana seconded, unanimous vote in favor of the project. Stephanie will forward the CPA application to Jennifer and it will be submitted through the Recreation Department.

Results of the Washington Street Site Survey

Mike reported that the CPC will not be moving forward with plans to purchase land at the Washington Street site. The engineering survey found several boulders on the property as well as unlevel surfacing. No more than two fields would be able to be developed at a cost of over two million dollars. Therefore, the project would not be cost effective.

Town Pool Update

Jennifer reported that after a transfer of funds from the revolving account, there is approximately \$15,500 left in the budget to open the town pool this season. She and Tana attended a SERD meeting on April 8th. SERD will do a mailing to all those who donated in the past, but will not be taking on any new fundraising projects at this time. May 17th is Family Clean Up Day at the pool. June 21st will be Opening Day with a BBQ and concert by Wayne Potash. SERD will pay for banners to advertise Opening Day at different locations in town. Jennifer will adjust staffing at the pool to keep it cost effective. Kathy suggested that staff have on-call days in which they will only be called to work if they are needed. Lifeguards will also be asked to keep attendance stats this season. A new late day entrance fee and non-resident fee will be implemented.

New Business

Jennifer gave everyone a copy of her quarterly report. She also reported a tremendous amount of community interest in the new Healthy Easton Committee. She will keep the Commission informed on the progress of the committee.

Tana reported that she had a great time as the Easter Bunny at the Egg Hunt. There was a great turnout for the event. With so many children, she requests an assistant for next year's event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33PM

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Approval of Minutes

Michael McDonald, Chairman

Jennifer Hruniak, Recreation Director