

PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING
February 15, 2007

Attending: C. Grillo; M. Michalski; B. Parker; V. Parkus, E. Smith; T. Quinn
Guests: L. Lusignon

Before calling the meeting to order, while waiting to achieve quorum, Commissioners Parker, Grillo, and Michalski and Parks and Recreation Director Quinn interviewed Mr. Lusignon for a position on the Commission. Mr. Lusignon spoke about his background and reasons for applying to fill one of the vacant positions on the Parks and Rec Commission.

Brad Parker called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 18, 2007 meeting were reviewed.

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES. MR. MICHALSKI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Parker dispensed with the Treasurer's Report due to lack of documentation.

Guest and Audience

There were no guests or audience in attendance at this point in the meeting.

Correspondence

Ms. Quinn advised that there was no correspondence to discuss.

Director's Report

Ms. Quinn provided the Director's report covering the following items:

- Final Buzzer will be held March 1st in the Elementary School Gym; refreshments will not be served.
- The Spring newsletter will be mailed to town residents on April 1st; it includes a number of new Parks and Rec programs.
- Offers were mailed to the members of last year's camp staff that had received good evaluations. Additional staff will be hired, as needed, once responses are received from these people.
- Staffing requirements for the town beach are being reviewed.
- Monthly bus trips for high school students are being scheduled through September. The trips will be to shows, forums, and other cultural events within the state and Ms. Quinn noted she is looking for chaperones for these trips.
- The February vacation camp was cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Ms. Quinn is hoping to see better registration numbers for the April camp.
- Mr. Snow withdrew his application for the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Ms. Cindy Demming has submitted an application for a position on the Parks and Rec Commission.

MR. PARKER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. MR. PARKUS SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Committee Reports

A. Budget Presentation

Ms. Quinn referenced the draft 2007-08 budget that was included in the Commissioners' meeting packets. She noted that the most significant change from last year's budget was due to salary increases for the elementary camp director and co-director and a minimum wage increase of \$.25/hour. She advised that the camp director had requested a larger increase but agreed to accept the salary offer that was made. The budget committee also increased the co-director's salary proportionately.

In response to a question from Mr. Parker, Ms. Quinn advised that the increase in the Camp Supplies budget line was due to additional school vacation camps scheduled.

Mr. Parker noted that he has had no communication from the Skate Park Committee in over a year and, therefore, recommended eliminating that appropriation from the 2007-08 budget. There was a general discussion and it was agreed to remove the budget item and add an explanatory note indicating that the Commission might want to add the item back into the budget at a future date.

MR. PARKUS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2007-2008 BUDGET AS AMENDED. MR. GRILLO SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business

In response to a question from Mr. Parker, Ms. Quinn advised that they have received a good response to the Art Camp scheduled at the Grange. She noted, however, that they have received no registrations for Soccer Camp.

Ms. Quinn reported that Mr. Cahill had planned on attending the evening's meeting but he did not have the authority to make any formal recommendations concerning the Soccer Club assuming responsibility for the Town's soccer programs because the Club had cancelled its last two meetings. She stated that he had advised her that the Club is committed to moving forward with the plan and he believes that the funding level expected would be equal to Parks and Rec current expenditures for its soccer program. She also advised that she will be providing Mr. Cahill with a list of the Town's 2nd grade soccer registrations for the Club's use in organizing a similar team.

Mr. Parker inquired about the basketball program and Ms. Quinn stated that it was going well. She noted that there are four teams going to a basketball tournament. She also advised that the 5th and 6th grade teams aren't winning a lot of games but they are having fun.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MICHALSKI AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon R. Wheeler
Recording Secretary