

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2011, AT TOWN HALL, 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Sara Kincade, Chairman; Dave Keefe, Joei Grudzinski, Bryan Chonowski,
Rob Blick. Dennis DiPinto, Director; Elaine Rajcula,
Secretary.

Absent: Ed Butt, Mark Kettunen.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were approved as corrected upon a motion made by J. Grudzinski, seconded by D. Keefe. Passed. Under: **Commission Responsibilities –**

D. DiPinto wants Commissioners **to have a broader role** concerning R. Blick suggested a **presentation to the Board of Selectmen outlining the P & R Department's future direction.**

Correspondence – None.

Recreation Supervisor's Report - Mary Knox - Fall registration has begun. Focus is now being on the road race. D. Keefe stated all the fields were in use at the High School.

Parks Supervisor's Report – August/September - Chris Rabuse – The Commission reviewed and discussed the two page report. Due to the heavy storms, the damage was extensive and the Beach completely unusable. The Highway Department did bulk repair due to extreme rutting and saved much time with their machine help and gave them the ability to complete the Beach season. The Beach is in complete disrepair from Hurricane Irene and tropical storm that followed. It will require significant expense and time to repair. There were extensive ruts and washouts to the volleyball court and grass areas. Due to the same storms tree work at the schools and pump station, trails washouts, clay washouts on fields, etc. (said report is on file in the P & R office for review).

Monthly Financial Report Discussion was held concerning the report.

Subcommittee Reports - Recreation Enhancement Council was taken off the Agenda.

Conservation Commission – No Report.

Still River Committee – This Committee was taken off the Agenda.

Candlewood Lake Authority - No Report.

Gurski Property/Historical Society – Dave Keefe stated the Lions Club did a major cleanup the previous Saturday on the gardens. They are accepting new applications for the garden plots. They may not have a food market next year. They will have 77 gardens next year. Discussion was held.

Commission Reports

Senior Golf– Dave Keefe – Forty golfers participated in the program. They played every Tuesday at Sunset Hill Golf Course. He hopes that next year they will have 50 – 60 golfers. At the end they had lunch and gave out trophies.

Still River Greenway - D. DiPinto - This project should be done by next month's meeting. It is on budget. Parking and 800 to 1,000 feet are completed. Phase Two may have the black top overlays. The next meeting with the liaison from the State will be this Tuesday. He would like some of the Commissioners to attend. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Phase 2 will be discussing layouts, money, State maps, etc. for State Project 131.

Self Sustaining Fund Balance – Leave on Agenda.

Kids' Kingdom – D. DiPinto – Surveying has been completed. Walkways have been painted. There will be 12 benches installed. The benches cost \$700.00 and will be made of rubberized metal.

Commission Responsibilities – J. Grudzinski suggested one or two people work on the Reinvestment Program doing presentation, etc. She also suggests working on the Budget, advocacy. D. Keefe suggested community advocacy (marketing); and facility quality assurance. R. Blick recommends hearing more from the Commission is what they would like to see. J. Grudzinski would like to have an updated Long Range Plan for Parks & Rec

along with a budget. R. Blick suggests making a statement before the Budget on what we want. S. Kincade, acting Chairman, stated the latest it should be done is in the Fall.

D. DiPinto wants the Board to have more of a say in the Budget preparation. R. Blick stated it should be known what the Parks & Rec Commission is responsible for. Do they support our views. D. DiPinto liked that idea; and stated a workshop be held in late November, early December, outside of the meeting, to brainstorm how the budget can be done, and to set goals, etc. Under New Business for the next meeting, on the Agenda will be : Commission Budget Goals. A Special Meeting will be held on November 30.

Motion to Adjourn – A motion was made to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. by J. Grudzinski, seconded by B. Chonowski. Passed.