

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, HELD AT THE TOWN BEACH, CANDLEWOOD LAKE ROAD, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012, AT 5:30 P. M.

Present: Sara Kincade Chairman; Ed Butt, Joei Grudzinski, Dave Keefe, Brian Chnowski. Dennis DiPinto, Director; Elaine Rajcula, Secretary

Absent: Rob Blick, Chris Delia

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were accepted as presented on a motion made by J. Grudzinski, seconded by E. Butt. Passed.

Parks Supervisor's Report – Chris Rabuse - The report was passed around and discussed at length. Town Beach had a few good washouts this summer. State of Beach really shows need for future work. It has been a very difficult summer for turf diseases. Said report is on file at the Town Clerk's office for review.

Recreation Supervisor's Report – Mary Knox – D. DiPinto stated the programs are going well this summer. D. Keefe suggested having camps throughout the year, such times during Easter vacation, etc. Discussion was held. S. Kincade suggested Day Trip camps for 5th to 8th grades.

Senior Center/Social Services – Ellen Melville – Report was reviewed. Food pantry usage continues to hold steady. They are continuing to receive fresh produce from local gardeners who participate in the “plant a row” program and produce from Huck's Paw Patch and the Community Garden. The Men's Breakfast series continue as well as other various programs.

Old Business

Self-Sustaining Fund Balance – The Board of Selectmen are in discussions about establishing an ordinance relative to the use of the fund balance. P & R has to explain how to spend the fund balance to the Board of Selectmen.

O'Connell Memorial – D. DiPinto stated construction will begin the first week of September to build a purgola measuring 16' x 20' at Kids' Kingdom. It will be covered with a custom made awning for shade.

Recycling in the Parks – D. DiPinto – Recycling at the Beach is going really well.

Brookfield Revitalization Program – Director D. DiPinto has been meeting with the First Selectman. Hopefully, this will go to vote in January or February. Discussed were Cadigan Fields and Town Beach. The Revitalization Plan, as it stands today, will cost anywhere from 5 – 6 million dollars. Revisions are expected to move forward.

The people should know where we are going and how we get there. E. Butt said a no vote means no money down the road. D. Keefe stated we should have a ten-year plan and lay it all out. It will be up to the P & R Commission to explain the Revitalization Plan.

B. Chnowski stated P & R should have signs similar to the Greenway signs around.

D. Keefe suggests the school art teachers have contests on what the Town Beach looks like and each winner gets a free pass to the Beach. This would be done as a school project.

Sub-Committees – D. DiPinto – The committees should try to meet by the September 19th P & R meeting.

Adjournment – A motion was made by J. Grudzinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. seconded by B. Chnowski. Passed.

**The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be on Wednesday,
September 18, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.**

Please call the P & R office if you cannot attend this meeting.