

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2013, AT 7:30 P. M.

PRESENT: Sara Kincade, Chairman, Ed Butt, Joei Grudzinski, Tony Tomaino, Bryan Chnowski, Rob Blick, Mike Fernand. Dennis DiPinto, Director; Elaine Rajcula, Secretary.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting, dated August 24. A motion was made by J. Grudzinski to approve said minutes with an addition. (Ed Butt was present). Seconded by B. Gnowski. Passed.

Correspondence - Four letters were received from the newly organized Moms' Club, concerning the Beach Policy of No Floatation Allowed. The Mom's Club want to know why certified properly fitted life vests are allowed in other towns, but not Brookfield. D. DiPinto will notify the Commission for an informal discussion concerning this issue. Boating without life preservers was discussed. D. DiPinto stated he will try to get a small survey done and have more details for next month's meeting. E. Butt suggested putting it on the Agenda under Old Business for the next meeting.

Recreation Supervisor's Report - September/October Mary Knox - He stated all Fall Programs are starting. Registration is presently ongoing and we have approximately 200 preregistered race participants. He stated that M. Knox is again doing an excellent job. R. Blick mentioned the Volleyball and Travel Basketball programs at the High School have a time conflict.

Park Supervisor's Report – September/October – Chris Rabuse – Work done or in progress: constant Field maintenance; trash pickup 2/3 times per week; bi-weekly mowing of grass trails at Happy Landings and Gurski properties; trail work at Linear Park and Williams Park; weekly baseball/softball grooming at all Town fields for Fall season; make, install and take down Cadigan/Town Park project signs; clear Whalen roadside edge of overgrowth and invasive vines and plants; build, pour and finish cement bench pad for donated dedication benches; equipment maintenance. Also, starting to prepare snow operation equipment, maintain all mowers/tractors and various gas/diesel fuel operated equipment; start of Fall cleanups at various sites. Future work will be in Huckleberry baseball field renovation; edging repairs to baseball/softball fields; and snow preparations. For more detailed Grounds information, said report is on file in the Parks & Recreation office.

Monthly Financial Report – D. DiPinto – Financial is doing fine.

Sub-Committee Reports

Policies/Goals/Budgets – J. Grudzinski will send out the latest brochure policy on advertizing in the Brochure. The Director will review same. J. Grudzinski suggested there should be guidelines. D. DiPinto stated he has dealt with advertizing on an individual basis. Advertising will be included in the Policy review for next month.

Old Business

Self Sustaining Fund Balance – D. DiPinto – He will have possible projects ideas on Self-Sustaining Fund Balance for the next meeting.

Brookfield Revitalization – D. DiPinto has an Inland Wetland meeting on Thursday to introduce the application for Brookfield Revitalization.

Greenway Update – D. DiPinto – He stated that barring any major issues groundbreaking will start in 2014 later in the year. We should be before the public by the end of March to vote on the 20% match.

New Business

Discussion of Beach Passes – D. DiPinto will draft a policy on out-of-Town people who want to come to our Beach. He will break it down to Beach Passes only and Swim Pass lessons only.

Special Meeting Dates – It was agreed that Wednesday, December 4, 2013; Wednesday, January 8, 2014 and Wednesday, January 29, 2014 will all be Special Meetings.

Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. by B. Gnowski, seconded by J. Grudzinski. Passed.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.**