

Lyme Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2011 – 6:00 Town Offices

Approved: September 26th, 2011

In attendance: Dina Cutting (Chair) Charles Reagan (Selectman Representative) Peter Mulvihill (member) Steve Small (Athletic Director)

The Minutes from the prior meeting were not approved at the special meeting. Approval of those minutes and these will be taken up at the Recreation Commissions next regularly scheduled meeting on September 26th.

- Steve Small reported on the start-up of the fall soccer program and presented preliminary statistics. Thus far 133 players have registered and paid into the program. Steve anticipated that final enrollment would exceed last year's total of over 150 players. Steve estimates that soccer will be profitable this year, despite no registration or uniform price increase. Uniform inventories are adequate and supply outlays may accordingly be lower somewhat than in years past. No major outlays for goals, etc. are expected this year. A full complement of coaches has been recruited and fields have been lined and set for games which will commence this week on Wednesday. Steve reported that the back, East ends of the smaller 5/6 grade field at Post Pond is rather wet given the effects of hurricane Irene. Peter Mulvihill agreed to contact the administration of Crossroads Academy to determine whether Lyme could on occasion use their field at Shoestrap Road for practices to preserve somewhat the Post Pond field for games until conditions dry out. Hanover Athletics have tentatively inquired whether certain 5th & 6th grade girls could be invited into the Lyme program because Hanover does not possess a full roster for the recreational program. The Commission agreed that this decision would be left to the discretion of Lyme's volunteer coaches for that grade and to the support of the Hanover Athletic Director. Steve reported that the small 4' X 4' shed at the field in the Lyme School is proving to be undersized for necessary storage for soccer equipment, balls, pennies, etc. Steve will explore the cost of purchasing a larger pre-fab shed to replace the existing one and will report to the RC at the next meeting.

On the topic of the Post Pond Recreational Facility refurbishment project the following items were discussed

- The project's contractor Jimmy Jenks will commence and complete the Phase 1 of the project later in September consistent with the Town's permits and the engineering design prepared by Pathways Consulting. Phase 1 will include the repair and maintenance of the beach and picnic area, including installing fill into designated low lying areas and grading and seeding the affected area. It shall also include the importations of several yards of washed sand to the beach consistent with the design and the permit.
- In conjunction with the refurbishment effort, the dilapidated changing shed will be removed as will the equally dilapidated fixed railroad tie picnic tables.

- After some discussion it was agreed that the lean-to used to house the docks during the winter months will remain where it is, as will the swing set. The landing under the swing set will be repaired with fill and wood chips used to bring the swings up to modern insurance standards. The steel chains supporting the swings will be covered but not replaced as a cost saving matter.
- The volleyball court will remain where it is. As part of its annual budgetary process the RC may consider installing again permanent net poles. There was some hesitancy here as this outlay has been made in the past only to have these poles vandalized.
- Pete Mulvihill agreed to explore a cost effective way to neaten up the cable fencing. The RC may take up the question of investing more in improved fencing at its next meeting.
- The RC received another \$2,000 in unsolicited donations for the project. Thus far, approximately 95% of all donation pledges for the project have been funded.
- The RC approved a letter which will go out shorting to the final 5% of pledges which are still outstanding.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Mulvihill 9/12/11 Minutes Secretary