

Lyme Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2014

Town office building

6:00pm

Approved: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Commission Members Present: Dina Cutting (member), Jim Mayers (alternate member), Curtis Shepard (member), and Sue MacKenzie (Select board rep). Steve Small (Recreation Director). Conservation Commission members: Heather Toulmin, Joanna Jasperson & Matt Stevens.

Public: None

Meeting started at 6:08pm

Minutes from the February 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting were approved by a motion from Mayers, seconded by Shepard.

**Recreation Director Report:**

- Steve reviewed Basketball and Skiing; it looks like once all the fees are collected both programs will have financially supported themselves.
- Spring Sports: Steve explained the sign up for baseball is slow. There is enough for 1 Calripkin team as of today. He has received an invoice for the charges for 2 teams in this league. He will not okay payment until he has confirmed sign up justifying 2 teams. Parents must get their children signed up by the deadline.
- Electronic signups: This was discussed briefly again. Andrea Colgan, Treasurer for the Town is checking in to this and will be letting the Select board know if this is something that will be suitable for the town to pursue for the Recreation Commission. Because we are not using it for spring sport sign ups there is no deadline other than the Commission would like it in place for fall soccer sign ups. The sense of the Commission at this time is they would like to try this. The electronic sign up was discussed as a way to possibly get parents to sign up and pay the fees in a more timely matter.

**Financial review:**

- The Commission reviewed the Recreation Revolving fund. 1/1/2014 starting balance = \$5,438.70. As of 3/24/2014 2014 expenses total = \$3,148.25 and revenues total = \$ 4,488.00. Followed was a brief explanation of what these funds can be used for.

**Member terms:**

- Luke Prince and Robert Couture are both up for renewal. Luke was not present but has expressed he would like to continue on this commission. The commission was in support of this.
- Couture informed the commission it was time for him to step down. He has other commitments and will not request another appointment. The Commission regretfully accepted his wishes. Cutting then acknowledged all the work he had done during his 8 years as a member of this commission, especially his many hours helping get the beach and ball field project done. Thank you from all.
- Jim Mayers was asked and accepted changing from an alternate to a member.

- Shepard moved to request the Select board appoint Luke Prince and James Mayers as Recreation Commission members each for a 3 year term. Seconded by Couture. Voted unanimously in favor.

**Milfoil:**

- The letter to organize a group for mark and monitor the milfoil in the pond has been very successful. Cutting noted about 8 families around the pond has committed to being trained and are willing to mark and report to DES the milfoil. This will enable the divers to do a more efficient job in less time this summer. Thank you to all. The training date will be announced.

**Dock for swimmers outside of beach area:**

- Various concerns and possible options were discussed. MacKenzie noted she felt there should be some accommodations for the adult swimmers. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of having a dock off the boat rack or boat ramp area. The following issues were touched on; liability concerns, insurance, regulations, upkeep of the dock, safety, signage and various other issues. It was unanimous that if some kind of dock was installed a group (made sense to be the Recreation Commission) needed to be in charge of this dock to keep it maintained. This dock would be for swimmers not a dock or mooring for boats. Shepard offered to investigate the options and pricing of docking and come back to the April meeting with information. The Select board will need to approve of this before anything is done.

**Conservation Commission:**

- The Conservation Commission is entertaining the idea of a foot bridge to cross over Trout Brook. This will enable people to move between the 2 areas and hopefully increase the use of the Chaffee wildlife area. This is in the early stages; location and various styles of bridges were discussed. When the weather warms up the 2 Commissions will go investigate the area for further discussions. The recreation commission thought this was a good idea.

**Chair & Secretary:**

- Nominations for Chair were offered;
  - ✓ Shepard moved to nominate Cutting as Chair. Seconded by Mayers and voted in the affirmative.
  - ✓ Shepard moved to nominate Prince as Secretary. Seconded by Mayers. It was noted that Prince was not present at this time. In the past the minutes have been a shared task but the commission felt it would be beneficial to have one person responsible for this task. Voted unanimously in favor. Thank you Luke.
- Mayers suggested the Commission have a fundraiser-thank you to the volunteer's triathlon (run-bike-swim) or something of that nature. We can incorporate it into a barbeque possible ending on the Common. Various ideas were discussed. Mayers will gather more info and report back to the Commission.
- The Town Committee Handbook was passed out for all to review.
- Review of the Recreation Commission policies, procedures and philosophy will be reviewed at the next meeting. If members have changes to offer they should send them to Cutting and there will be a draft document to work from.

There being no further business Shepard motions we adjourn. Second by Mayers.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Cutting