

Park and Rec Commission

Members: Glynn McAraw, Chairman, Donald Bugbee, Director, Robert Dunn, Mary Ellen Garbarino, Timothy Gavin, John Flower

Meeting started at 7:30 pm.

Minutes of July and May, 2011 meetings unanimously approved as written.

Director's Report:

Lifeguard shortage all season, for various reasons. Discussed sponsoring a lifeguard class next year. Will look into this over the winter.

Facilities:

Hains Park: All work has been completed on buildings/park and beach.

White Sand Beach: building paintedregular beach clean-ups.

Town Woods Park: grounds at the park are looking shabby....no pesticide/fertilization applications have been done from spring to the present. Weeds have taken over.

The Pesticide Awareness Committee is frightening people who apply anything. The contractor hired to take care of the park is very apprehensive to do anything for fear of possible litigation process against him. He is frustrated and discouraged.

Pesticide Committee was supposed to make recommendations to Selectmen. They have yet to do that. Presently no action is being taken by First Selectman.

Contractor will continue to cut the grass...try to *spruce* of the area and will look into using what the school uses on its playing fields. He also made suggestions for the area around the building...making it easier to maintain. Park and Rec Commission will work towards drawing up a statement explaining the situation for all who will be using the fields this fall.

Bob Dunn spoke about a follow-up meeting he and Don had with First Selectman Griswold: Glynn had gathered information on salaries/duties/help, etc. from area towns P&R Directors and forwarded to First Selectman. They came away from the meeting with great hope and anticipation that the problems brought up during the discussion would be looked into and taken care of. There was a lack of communication to Don which resulted in a status quo of any plan being put in place for relief during the summer season.

Conn River Lacrosse: Jeff Flower will be available to attend the September meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Johnson, Secretary