

Sandown Recreation Commission Meeting
April 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman, George Blaisdell, at 6:36 p.m. Members present were: Hans Nicolaisen, Michael Donovan, George Blaisdell, and Tom Tombarello, ex-officio member from the Board of Selectmen. Also present was Deb Brown, Recreation Director. Absent was Ron DuLong.

Because there was not a quorum of members who were present at the last meeting, the minutes review was postponed.

Selectman Tom Tombarello swore in appointed members Hans Nicolaisen and Michael Donovan, for a three-year term on the Recreation Commission.

Mrs. Brown reported that the senior luncheon today was a huge success. Seventy seniors were signed up (thirty from Sandown). This was the first joint Plaistow/Sandown senior function. Timberlane Middle School students assisted with table preparation, serving meals, and assisting and socializing with seniors. It is expected that future joint events will be planned.

Mrs. Brown reported that there had been an odor from the kitchen sink. Gary Paradis checked it and discovered that it had not been properly vented. He has since repaired this. One bay was leaking today, but Gary came right away and fixed it.

Last week the Boy Scouts met with Mrs. Brown about the possibility of running a concession stand at the Garvey center during soccer games. They seem to prefer not to use the inside of the building, but would like to run a stand from the outside, using only an electrical outlet. The scouts are all Eagle Scout candidates trying to raise funds. The Commission stated that they felt it would be easier and safer if the scouts used the building kitchen and outside window. Only the scouts would be allowed in the building. This suggestion will be conveyed to the scout leaders.

Mrs. Brown noted that registration for the two-day vacation week program is full. The staff has been lined up, and trip expenses have been estimated.

Tylor Beaulieu joined the meeting. He explained that his proposed Eagle Scout project consists of a sign (outside the Garvey building) similar to, but smaller than, the Miller Field sign (approximately 2 x 4 ft., with a 2 x 4 ft. plexiglass enclosed cork board attached underneath). He also plans to purchase and install a flagpole, and landscape the adjacent area. The members strongly suggested that he consider a fiberglass pole, with a locking internal lanyard. The Commission approved the plan in general, and gave Tylor permission to raise funds for this purpose. However, the Commission would like to see a more defined plan, and would like to approve any major expenditures before they are made. Mr. Beaulieu will advise the Commission when he has more information ready.

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Mrs. Brown advised the interviews for a summer counselor positions will be next week.

Mrs. Brown also stated that Mr. DuLong has sent a letter requesting reappointment to the Recreation Commission.

Hans Nicolaisen made a motion to recommend Ron DuLong for reappointment to a three-year term on the Recreation Commission.

Tom Tombarello seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Brown noted that a doorbell is needed at the recreation building. Mr. Tombarello suggested that a wireless bell set, containing two bells with different tones and a five-year battery could be purchased locally for about \$40.00.

Mrs. Brown reported that installation of the swing set is being coordinated with: Dig Safe, the Sandown Highway Department, and the swing supplier. The ground needs to be level, the equipment brought from the building basement, and chips spread.

Quotes for the skate park were reviewed and discussed. Mrs. Brown will ask for a detailed quote from the lower bidder.

Mrs. Brown noted that covers for the recreation basement window wells need to be installed before the summer season begins.

Hans Nicolaisen explained that he had met with Mr. Theberge regarding the concession stand area at Miller Field – providing loam, sand, and crushed asphalt - for better handicap accessibility. Mrs. Brown reported that Mr. DuLong had mentioned a problem with the sprinkler line pressure in that area. It was suggested that this line should be dug up, replaced and sleeved in protective pipe before this renovation is done.

Mr. Nicolaisen made a motion to hire M.J.T. Trucking & Excavation Services to supply and install regrind asphalt at Miller ballpark at a cost up to \$1500.

Mike Donovan seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown stated that the water sample at Roy L. Miller Field was taken yesterday by the Health Inspector. She received an e-mail today from the lab that the water is fine for drinking.

Mr. Nicolaisen mentioned that the recreation application for building rental provided on the Sandown web site needs to be updated. Mrs. Brown will take care of this, including the addition of the new town seal, at her earliest convenience.

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Mr. Nicolaisen suggested that the Commission set up a time to work on up-dating the Recreation Commission by-laws.

Mr. Tombarello said that he had spoken with Leo Reynolds regarding excessive clay in B field at Miller Field, and a lack of picnic tables. Mr. Nicolaisen will contact Art Genuardo tomorrow.

Mr. Nicolaisen also reported that the hill behind the basketball court has been mowed. Mrs. Brown mentioned that, because the mowing is starting early this year, we may run into budget problems for mowing at the end of the season.

Mr. Nicolaisen noted that the portapotty had not been repositioned yet. Ron DuLong will talk to Leo Reynolds about this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Utman
Recording Secretary