

Approved April 6, 2016

Sandown Recreation Commission  
March 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Blaisdell at 6:40 p.m. Members present were: John Donahue, Veronica Utman, and George Blaisdell. Also present was Deb Brown, Parks and Recreation Director. Absent was Terry Treanor, ex-officio.

The minutes of March 2, 2016, were reviewed.

A motion to accept the minutes as written, was made by George Blaisdell.

Mr. Donahue seconded the motion.

A discussion was held in which Mrs. Brown suggested that the previous minutes reviewed (namely May 6 and June 3, 2015) should have the changes specified in the revised minutes. It was also suggested that the replenishment of the petty cash fund (mentioned in the March 2 meeting) should note that the funds were coming from the Recreation revolving fund.

The motion was approved, as amended, unanimously.

The main purpose of the meeting was to view the Garvey Center playground fencing. It had already been decided (and \$2000 approved) to move the fence out 16 feet further to provide more room for parents (shade, picnic table...) and potential later expansion. However, there is a small area inside the present fenced in playground which includes propane access.

A discussion was held on ways to add additional fencing to avoid the hazard of the propane access. The subject of adding another gate was also discussed. Mrs. Brown will obtain estimates of the additional costs.

Mrs. Brown reminded the Commission that the Senior Luau will be held next Tuesday. There are more than 90 people signed up from three communities.

Recreation will be reimbursing the Town from the Revolving Fund for payroll expended for the children's special programs, in the amount of \$1753, from the fees paid by parents.

Mrs. Brown noted that the plumber could not find the cause of the basement flooding (the leak had stopped). Mr. Blaisdell suggested that a list of Spring and Fall "to-do's" be made up, including where water valves are located, for seasonal shut-off purposes.

Mr. Donahue noted that there was a Baseball meeting Monday night. Three mothers have volunteered to maintain and manage the snack bar this year. They would like to know if extra appliances would be allowed, such as an electric griddle, or pretzel machine. These would be operated only by parents. The Commission did not see any problems, but noted that it would be the responsibility of Baseball to check the wattage necessary.

Mrs. Brown mentioned that the insurance policy for Baseball needed to be up-dated. Mr. Donahue said that they were in the process of updating the policy, and would send her a copy.

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Mrs. Brown also stated that she needed the Baseball calendar in order to coordinate with the fertilizing and mowing people. Mr. Donahue will follow up on this.

A brief discussion was held regarding the condition of the baseball fields and what might be needed, including the irrigation problems recently discovered.

Mr. Donahue also brought the Commission up-to-date on the discussions for the Babe Ruth Field.

It is the intention of those pursuing the Babe Ruth Field to form a new (tax exempt) organization which can continue after the Field is completed. They have consulted with an IRS representative. It has been recommended that they submit paperwork to officially recognize this group as non-profit, to enable them to raise money as soon as possible. This is the first step to "501-C3, C-4...or C-7 (different levels). The final approval could take a month, or a year. However, fund-raising could begin immediately. When approved, the money formerly raised by the Field of Dreams group (approximately \$18,000) could then be deposited to the new account. The group is looking for a new name.

Mrs. Brown noted that they will be interviewing applicants for the summer program on Saturday.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Utman  
Recording Secretary