

# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES: August 17, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Busch, Jim Henry, John Sangermano, Robert Braceland and Lars Rohrberg

Public: Jason Zelle

Meeting minutes taken by: Laura Greenough

Meeting started at 7:05PM, adjourned at 10:05PM

## Eagle Scout Project

- Jason Zelle came in and presented his Eagle Scout project to the board.
- The project he is planning on doing is a tennis backboard for the new court at SCP.
- Jim Henry made a motion to except Jason's eagle scout project as presented with the inclusion of a plaque with Jason name on it. Mike Busch seconded the motion and the board vote 3-0 in favor of the project. John Sangermano abstained from voting.

## Wildlife woods

- Eric Bachtell, John Sangermano and Mike Busch went to planning board meeting to discuss the parcels the Rec. Commission would like to take over for future Rec. facilities.
- Planning Board through it maybe a good idea but Rec. needs to talk to conservation first.

## Alice Eaton Grants

- The board is requesting that a representative from SYBA come to a future meeting to outline how they would like to spend the \$3000 grant Alice Eaton has awarded the Recreation Commission to grow youth basketball in Stow. The grant is to be spent on or before December 30, 2009.
- Jim Henry made a motion to except the Alice Eaton Fund grant for the growth of Stow Youth basketball in the amount of \$3000. Bob Braceland seconded the motion and the board voted all in favor of accepting the grant.
- Mike Busch made a motion to except the Alice Eaton Fund grant for playground equipment in the amount of \$2500. Bob Braceland seconded the motion and the board voted all in favor of accepting the grant.

## Stow Cultural Council

- The Stow Cultural council would like to give the Stow Recreation Commission a grant to cover the cost of Electrical work done to the SCP Pavilion.
- JP Benoit will be hired to do the electrical work on the pavilion.
- The Recreation Commission just needs to submit a letter to Stow Cultural Council to receive the grant.
- Jim Henry has volunteered to write the letter to the Stow Cultural Council.

## Snow Update

- Jim Henry gave the board an update on how the snow project is going.
- C&C only quoted sod for inside the baseball diamonds so ITEAM is trying to figure out what the costs would be to put sod behind the plate to backstop and down the sides of the base paths.

- The ITEAM would like to have a grand opening in the spring of 2010 once the grass has had a chance to take root and grow.
- Jim Henry would like to reach out to the garden club to see if they would like to do some planting along the stonewalls. The girls scouts have also agreed to donate sometime to do some planting.

#### Carry In/Out Policy

- We will need to get proper signage for all of the Recreation Facilities.
- We will need to inform user groups of the new policy
- Laura will get a quote from JACL sign for the cost of Carry In/Carry Out signs.

#### Tree Cutting at Pine Bluff

- Two trees need to be cut for safety reasons.
- We contacted the Highway Department but they do not have the proper equipment for the job so they gave us a number for a tree removal company.
- John Sangermano contacted the company and they gave him a quote of \$1400 to remove both trees.
- John decided to cut one of the trees himself to save the cost. He cut the maple tree closes to the town beach. The willow tree is the other tree that has been trimmed but not yet cut.
- John would like to re-vegetate the area where the maple uses to be. John will be meeting with the Conservation Commission to discuss this issue.
- John will contact Bruce Fletch to give him the heads up on when he will be cutting down the Willow tree. He will also contact the police to be present in case of any disgruntle by standers.

#### Center School Tennis Courts

- The tennis courts at Center maybe eliminated when the new school is built.
- John met with members of the school Building Committee about this and they said they could possibly be relocated but there is no funding or matching grant to do so.
- Lars plans on writing a letter to the editor of the Stow Independents stating his concerns over losing the tennis courts.

Mike Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05pm; Jim seconded the motion and the board voted all in favor to adjourn at 10:05pm.