

Recreation and Parks Meeting Minutes

01-05-10

NOTE: The following is a **summary** of matters from a meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 39 and the Massachusetts Open Meeting Laws. Meetings are often recorded and tapes used as an aid.

- 1) **Call to order:** 7:01 PM: Chairman Chip Osborne called to order the 01/05/2010 meeting.
- 2) **Attendance:**
 - a) **Present (constituting a quorum):** Chip Osborne, Linda Rice-Collins (7:15 PM), Chuck Nyren, Derek Norcross, Sam Ganglani, Recreation Supervisor Mike Lane, and Superintendent Brendan Egan.
 - b) **Absent:** None.
- 3) **Minutes:**

Motion made and seconded (Chuck, Derek) to approve minutes of the 12/15/09 meeting; all in favor.
- 4) **Reports (see attached). Addendum:**
 - a) **Mike's:** After discussion, **Motion** made and seconded (Sam, Derek) to approve the estimate from Herlihy Electric for \$1407.94 to fix the beach bathroom lights; all in favor.
 - b) **Brendan's:** RecTrac: see new business.
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a) **Redd's Pond:** Marblehead model boat club member Biff Martin had requested to be on the agenda to discuss future plans for aquatic weed control at the pond, but no model boat club members were in attendance. Chip provided a packet of information to each board member outlining the steps taken to date and the chemical treatment which has been done (see attached). Gina Field appeared to discuss the ongoing appeal at the MA D.E.P. court of treatment of Black Joe's, how it affects the pond and the drainage into Doliber Cove (into which Redd's also drains), and the Lobster Conservancy concerns regarding the Lobster Nursery (see attached). Discussion included: the Board's wish to find alternative solutions to chemical treatment; the ineffectiveness of the current treatments and its impact on the pond and the drainage; and the possibility of forming a study group or sub-committee to plan proper management, research and identify problems, and find non-chemical solutions to weed control. After discussion, **Motion** made and seconded (Chuck, Linda) That Brendan be tasked to contact and put together a sub-committee; **Amendment** made and seconded (Chip, Sam) for motion to state: This body embraces the precautionary principle which states that when there is the possibility of doing harm to the environment or human health that we err on the side of caution. With that in mind, and with the idea of trying to eliminate repeated chemical pressures on the pond, we're moving forward to form a committee that will study viable alternatives and report back to this Commission to vote for implementation; after discussion, it was agreed this committee is to be formed by the second of March, seeking people that have enthusiasm and expertise on this subject; all in favor of amendment and motion.
 - b) **Sam:**
 - i) Requested an update on movie night; One is planned for this Friday.
 - ii) Expressed his concern regarding the misuse of Piper field as discussed at the 10/20/09 meeting, and wants dialog with the School Department. Chip reported he had a meeting with Amy Drinker and a dialog has begun. Derek reported he heard rumors that adult soccer games had been played on Piper field every Sunday last fall, and should be noted for future discussion.

6) **New Business:**

a) **Correspondence (see attached):**

- i) Cornell permit request: **Motion** made and seconded (Derek, Sam) to approve request for \$150 fee; all in favor.
 - ii) Howie permit request: **Tabled** until Brendan can get specifics on the proposed tent including length of time tent will occupy the space requested.
 - iii) Chamber of Commerce permit request: **Motion** made and seconded (Sam, Derek) to approve request for a fee of \$2200.00 (same price as previous year) and pending receipt of proof of standard insurance; all in favor.
 - iv) Notice of hearing: No action required.
- b) Sam: requested that Mike look into if hand blow-dryers for the Community Center would be more economical than paper towels; Mike will investigate.
- c) Chuck: Asked Board to keep Mike and his family in their prayers due to recent medical issues.
- d) Linda: Would like to revisit the idea of buying a portable stage for community use, perhaps as a Shattuck fund proposal. Board will consider the idea and review past proposals that Mike had gathered.
- e) RecTrac: **Motion** made and seconded (Sam, Linda) to approve Brendan's request (see Brendan's report) to purchase new RecTrac software for \$1440.00 pending the acquirement of a server from the Finance Department or a donation; all in favor.
- f) Budget 2010: **Tabled.**
- g) Athletic Field Work: **Tabled.**

7) **Adjournment:**

- a) 8:55 PM: **Motion** made and seconded (Sam, Linda) to extend the meeting to 9:15 PM; all in favor.
- b) Adjourned: The Board adjourned the meeting at **9:10 PM**. The next meeting has been scheduled for **4:00 PM Thursday January 7, 2009** at the Marblehead Community Center.

Respectfully submitted: Ric Reynolds, Department Clerk