



RECEIVED
SEP 23 2010

Acton Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Room 121
Acton Town Hall
July 6, 2010

TOWN CLERK, ACTON

Call to Order

Ms. Kim Bodnar, Co-Chair, called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following attendees were present: Ms. Karen Jarsky, Chair, Ms. Kim Bodnar, Co-Chair, Selectman Pamela Harting-Barrat, Ms. Betsy Mercier, Citizen, Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, Ms. Cheryl Getsick, Recreation Secretary.

Consent Agenda

MOTION to accept June 2010 minutes as amended, passed 2-0

Citizens Concerns:

Ms. Fochtman reported a citizen's concern regarding policies and procedures conducted at NARA Camp. Specifically, camper pickup authorization and consistent checking of identification of those on a camper's authorized list.

Action Item: Ms. Fochtman met with the citizen to discuss her concerns.

NARA Projects

Picnic Pavilion: Ms. Fochtman discussed the possibility of subdividing the picnic pavilion for multiple uses. The cost of the pavilion construction has exceeded expectations. Selectman Harting-Barrat questioned the possibility of developing an enclosed structure. Ms. Fochtman replied the current commission feels upgrading the current open canopy structure is more inline with needs and allows us to remain closer to budget while creating more functional usage.

Sand Delivery: Beach sand will be delivered today, July 6, 2010. Four truckloads are expected to arrive from Ohio. Due to runoff from the heavy rains this past spring, this sand is a necessary replacement.

Shade Structure: Two years ago Recreation received funding for the purchase and installation of two shade structures. Currently we are in the process of obtaining quotes to have these structures installed as permanent structures. The location of the structures is expected to be between the two sections of chairs on the beach. Each structure is 22' wide x 14' deep.

Air Conditioning/Bathhouse: Ms. Fochtman is currently obtaining quotes from multiple contractors with the expectation of updating the air conditioning at the NARA office. The snack bar may possibly utilize a series of fans to circulate the air.

Camp Update: Enrollment has increased this year over last. There are typically 60-80 children per session. The on-line registration has allowed easier access for parents to enroll their children. Recreation must now follow the Board of Health requirements as an official "Camp". This includes all staff being checked with a CORI and SORI background investigation.

Event Report

Tyler Ryan Concert

It was a very large production intended to be a benefit concert for depression awareness and suicide prevention. A local rap artist, Sam Adams performed. Lighting and sound equipment was brought in by the production team, Capron. It was well attended.

Lions Club Town Fair

This year was a wonderful year for this event. The Town's 275th Celebration funded the Friday evening's concert, "Kashmir" which was well attended. This was one of the best concerts at NARA!

275th Anniversary / Independence Day

The town funded a free day and events throughout the entire day. Entertainers included, T-Bone, Compaq Big Band, The Help Wanted Band and Another Tequila Sunrise, an Eagle's Tribute Band. Ms. Jarsky requested future moon bounce rentals which contain a roof to keep the plastic from becoming too hot. The fireworks were wonderful and exceeded expectations!

Goward Playground / Elm Street Nets Upgrade

The equipment has been ordered; half has been paid. We are awaiting a quote for nets for Elm Street. Ms. Fochtman will contact the company and request a meeting at the playground. Ms. Fochtman will also contact the Haartz Corporation regarding the roofing materials and arrange for a possibly volunteer date during the month of September 2010.

Reports

Elm Street: Ms. Fochtman recommended AASL and Mr. Gabrielli (citizen) meet to possibly resolve the issue relating to the play of Sunday games.

Morrison Farm Update: A blue ribbon committee is expected to be formed to implement the proposed Kelleher Architect's design. It is anticipated a meeting will occur during the month of July. There are supporters of Morrison Farm who would like to see the meadows preserved.

CPC: Nothing to report

School Street: The Miracle League may wish to develop this location as a handicap accessible ball field.

Playground Update: Natural Resources crew tilled the mulch. The next playground scheduled to be tilled is Goward.

Open Space and Recreation Plan: Nothing to report

NARA Picnic Pavilion Design Update: Previously mentioned.

Recreation Operation/Peak Software Installation: The snack bar is utilizing the new software for the cash register and all is working well.