



TOWN OF ACTON
RECREATION COMMISSION

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7:00 PM

ACTON TOWN HALL
ROOM 126

ATTENDEES

Recreation Commission members present were Ms. Karen Jarsky, Chair, Ms. Betsy Mercier, Commissioner, Ms. Bridget McKeever-Matz, Vice-Chair, Mr. Stephen Leo, Commissioner (7:25pm), Mr. John Sonner, Selectman, Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director; Ms. Cheryl Getsick, Secretary; Ms. Paulina Knibbe, Citizen, Mr. David Wilson, Esq., Citizen, Mr. Joe Will, Citizen, Mr. Michael Kebabian, Citizen.

AGENDA TOPICS

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 PM

- **Citizens Concerns:** Mr. Michael Kebabjian, Sr. provided a two-page "Catch and Release Only" proposal dated 9/6/11 to the Board for review (see attached). Suggestions were made by Mr. Kebabjian of creating a "protected and residence only" fishing area at NARA within the "Catch and Release Only" proposal. State Basic License Information is attached to the proposal. Selectman Sonner raised the concern of logistics and enforcement of such a proposal. Mr. Kebabjian noted the lack of enforcement of fishing licenses and suggested volunteers could enforce the "Catch and Release" guidelines.

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION	August 2011 minutes reviewed
ACTION ITEM	August 2011 minutes were accepted as amended, 3-0

TOPIC: ACTON 2020 RECREATION INPUT & SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION

DISCUSSION	Ms. Paulina Knibbe spoke to the Board and provided a one-page document dated 8/7/11 titled "Goal 4" (see attached) which outlines objectives for developing community gathering and recreation space within the Town of Acton. A draft of the proposal will be available in approximately one week for the Commissioners' review to ensure it reflects the objectives of the Recreation Commission. Ms. Knibbe is also a member of the Senior Center Expansion Committee.
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ACTION ITEM Ms. Knibbe requested feedback from the Commissioners as soon as possible.

TOPIC: FRIENDS OF THE LOWER FIELDS PRESENTATION

DISCUSSION	David Wilson, Esq. provided a copy of the presentation "Eight Fields In Two", (see attached). League contributions, a bank loan and school funds in addition to CPA funds will make this project feasible. The fields will be paid for by charging outside organizations. A CPA application will be submitted for lighting, skate bowls and a parking lot. The regional school committee, upon acceptance would be contributing \$214K. The project totals close to \$2.6M. In addition, the cost of adding two skate bowls for the park will cost approximately \$80K. There will be an intergovernmental agreement between the Acton Boxborough Regional Schools and the Town of Acton.
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ACTION ITEM The regional school district will be voting on this proposal shortly.

TOPIC: CPA PROJECTS

DISCUSSION	Goward playground eligibility: Ms. Fochtman will be pursuing an engineering study which would help with determining the cost of the site preparation. More details are needed. Recreation has received a few quotes. One quote was a playground dedicated to 2-5 year old children. Ms. Mercier commented there is feedback from the parents of the children. Mr. Leo will inquire as to the age group which would benefit from this playground. Ms. Jarsky noted the Commission for Disabilities would have some valuable input on the development for handicap accessibility. The design must meet and reflect ADA regulations.
ACTION ITEM	Ms. Fochtman will contact Ms. Lisa Franklin regarding suggestions. Ms. Fochtman will also obtain the site survey and data; provide this information to Travis Ames of GameTime for a more refined quote to include the desires of the survey from the parents of the children utilizing the playground.

REPORTS:

DISCUSSION	<p>a) Elm Street Update – nothing to report</p> <p>b) Morrison Farm Update - nothing to report</p> <p>c) CPC – nothing to report</p> <p>d) School Street – nothing to report</p> <p>e) Playground Update</p> <p>Gardner Playground will be mulched by the Junior High Students on October 7, 2011.</p> <p>f) Open Space & Recreation Plan – nothing to report</p> <p>g) NARA Park Pavilion Update – nothing to report</p> <p>h) Recreation Operations Peak Software – nothing to report</p>
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NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:45 PM
TIME:

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