



# Town of Acton Recreation Commission

## MINUTES

DATE: AUGUST 2, 2011

7:00 PM

ROOM 46, ACTON TOWN HALL

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Recreation Commission members present were Ms. Karen Jarsky, Co-Chair, Ms. Betsy Mercier, Commissioner, Ms. Bridget McKeever-Matz, Commissioner, Mrs. Stephen Leo, Commissioner, Mr. John Sonner, Selectman, Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, Ms. Cheryl Getsick, Part-time Secretary.
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### AGENDA TOPICS

#### Meeting called to order at: 7:00 PM

- **Citizens Concerns:** Ms. Fochtman received an email from a concerned person after a NARA Field Trip to the Boston Harbor Cruise. Upon Ms. Fochtman's investigation, there was an explanation for all the events and concerns reported. Circumstances were explained via email to the reporting party who was satisfied with the explanation.

#### TOPIC: MIRACLE LEAGUE FIELD PROJECT UPDATE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Miracle League is beginning the 8 <sup>th</sup> season. Currently there are 80 children registered for the fall season. There are attempts being made to raise money for the field project here in Acton. The current monies raised are approximately \$168K however construction requires \$425K. All \$168K raised is mostly from individuals; the largest corporate donation is \$5K. Miracle League is looking for construction donations such as fencing companies, paving companies, etc... Miracle League representatives are awaiting field engineering information and once they receive such will begin on their design. Miracle League will also be applying for possible grants.
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	A request was made to list the Miracle League website <a href="http://miracleleagueofma.com">miracleleagueofma.com</a> within the Recreation Program Booklet. There will also be a fundraiser on September 17 <sup>th</sup> . Details will follow via the Miracle League website. They are actively looking for new volunteers at the Acton Farmers Market if anyone is interested.

#### TOPIC: CPA PROJECTS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	A discussion of possible CPA projects commenced; with specifics about the Goward Playground. How would the Goward Playground qualify for CPA funds? CPA funds would be improving the site within the ADA requirements for handicap accessibility. The Picnic Pavilion at NARA would also be another project which Recreation would apply for CPA funds.
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	Ms. Jarsky noted what the next steps should be; possibly a November 14, 2011 deadline. Ms. Fochtman would need to address these topics and issues with the Board of Selectman along with the Town Manager. However, the application process needs to begin. A total of 250K is needed.

#### TOPIC: RECREATION COMMISSION GOALS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Goal 1: Complete recreation section of Open Space &amp; Recreation Plan</p> <p>Goal 2: Identify potential funding sources for shade at NARA.</p> <p>Goal 3: Improve communication with town sports leagues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify leagues' needs</li> <li>Communicate needs of town</li> <li>Share goals of Miracle League to facilitate collaboration between them and leagues</li> </ol>
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#### TOPIC: VICE CHAIRMAN DISCUSSION

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	There was a vote on a Vice Chairman of the Recreation Commission. The responsibilities would be to conduct the monthly meeting if the Chair was not able to attend. Ms. Bridget McKeever-Matz was nominated and elected as Vice Chair.
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<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Ms. Karen Jarsky will forward along the nomination to the Town Clerk and Information Technology Department.
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**REPORTS:**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>a) Elm Street Update – nothing to report</b></p> <p><b>b) Morrison Farm Update - nothing to report</b></p> <p><b>c) CPC – nothing to report</b></p> <p><b>d) School Street – nothing to report</b></p> <p><b>e) Playground Update – Garden Playground will be mulched by the Junior High Students</b></p> <p><b>f) Open Space &amp; Recreation Plan – nothing to report</b></p> <p><b>g) NARA Park Pavilion Update – nothing to report</b></p> <p><b>h) Recreation Operations Peak Software – nothing to report</b></p>
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**NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION:** THE NEW PROGRAM BOOKLET WILL BE MAILED OUT VIA THE ACTION UNLIMITED

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED TIME:</b>	8:45 PM
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<https://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-1985>*