



Town of Acton Recreation Commission

MINUTES

DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2012

6:45 PM

ROOM 126, ACTON TOWN HALL

ATTENDEES	Recreation Commission members present were Ms. Karen Jarsky, Chair, Ms. Betsy Mercier, Co-Chair, Mr. Stephen Leo, Commissioner, Mr. Joe Will, Commissioner, Mr. Bill Mullin, Citizen, Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, Ms. Cheryl Getsick, Secretary. Not present were Ms. Bridget Matz, Co-Chair and Ms. Melissa Rier, Recreation.
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AGENDA TOPICS

Meeting called to order at: 6:45 PM

Citizens Concerns: None to report

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION	October 2012 minutes
ACTION ITEM	October 2012 minutes were accepted as amended, 4-0

TOPIC: ACTION ITEM REVIEW

DISCUSSION	Ms. Fochtman met with Fuller Design and will receive a quote on a bowl design for the skate park. Ms. Fochtman approached Town Counsel regarding a combination design and build possibility. This was denied and confirmed that design must be put out as an RFP and construction out for bid for the T.J. O'Grady Skate Park. Neither contractor can provide both via the procurement law. The final design would be funded by the Recreation budget.
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TOPIC: GOWARD PLAYGROUND DESIGN PRESENTATION

DISCUSSION	Mr. Steve Leo made a presentation to the Commissioners. The Kompan toddler equipment would cost approximately 23K as per Mr. John LaRue. Members of the F.O.P. field tested various playgrounds within the local area as well as Cambridge. It was agreed the toddler area would be moved back to avoid the need for a fenced in area. CPC funds would be used to purchase a train and playhouse. A proposal will be submitted for toddler structures.
ACTION ITEM	Ms. Fochtman recommended F.O.P. proposed specific piece(s) of playground equipment proposed for funding by CPA Funding. The CPC deadline is approaching, November 26, 2012.

TOPIC: MORRISON FARM COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

DISCUSSION	Mr. Bill Mullin provided the Commissioners a handout of his presentation titled, "Morrison Farm Committee Report to the Recreation Commission, Living History, November 6, 2012". After presenting the proposal, Mr. Mullin requested input from the Commissioners regarding possible playground usage at the foundation near Ice House Pond. A "natural" playground is desired.
ACTION ITEM	The Commissioners will obtain various playground possibilities and submit to Mr. Mullin.

TOPIC: AASL 501 (C) (3) STATUS

DISCUSSION	AASL (Acton Adult Softball League) submitted a formal letter to Ms. Fochtman stating it is their intention to operate independently from Acton Recreation as a 501(c) (3) organization. Currently Acton Recreation handles all of its procurements.
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REPORTS:

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Miracle Field - Nothing to report b) NARA Parking Lot Expansion – Natural Resources is looking to level the expanded area c) CPC – Goward Playground Request, (discussed above) d) School Street – Nothing to report e) Playground Update – Working with the Acton Preschool to move donated playground equipment to Harris Street for storage. f) Open Space & Recreation Plan – Nothing to report g) NARA Park Pavilion Update - CPC application for additional funding h) Recreation Operations Peak - Nothing to report
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NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION – NOTHING TO REPORT

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