



Town of Acton Recreation Commission

MINUTES

DATE: APRIL 9, 2013

6:45 PM

ROOM 121, ACTON TOWN HALL

ATTENDEES

Recreation Commission members present were Ms. Karen Jarsky, Chair, Ms. Bridget McKeever-Matz, Vice-Chair, Ms. Betsy Mercier, Commissioner, Mr. Steve Leo, Commissioner, Mr. Joe Will, Commissioner, Mr. John Sonner, Selectman, Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, Ms. Melissa Rier, Natural Resources.

AGENDA TOPICS

Meeting called to order at: 6:45 PM

Citizens Concerns: None to report

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION March 5, 2013 minutes

ACTION ITEM March 5, 2013 minutes were accepted as amended, 4-0

TOPIC: Action Item Review

DISCUSSION Nothing reviewed.

TOPIC: TOWN MEETING REVIEW

DISCUSSION All the Recreation Projects were accepted, except the Morrison Farm project. It seems as though the neighbors were not in favor of another playground and function building, but did like the idea of the nature part of Morrison. At Town Meeting, people seemed to want something there, but not something so huge, and possibly more natural. Some people don't know where Morrison Farm is because it looks just like a private home. A sign could help indicate its location.

TOPIC: TERM EXPIRATIONS

DISCUSSION Ms. Jarsky's and Ms. McKeever-Matz's terms end in June of 2013. There will be one full position (3 year term) open starting in July and there's two alternate positions open

TOPIC: RECREATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

DISCUSSION There are 3 candidates who deserve this award. They nominees will be publically announced in the July celebration but will be notified prior. Unanimous 5:0 vote for three volunteers of the year.

TOPIC: PLAYGROUND FUNDING

DISCUSSION Mr. Leo suggested having to have a separate gift accounts for on-going fundraising for playgrounds. This would help when parts break and routine maintenance. Friends of the Playground closed out their brick drive to get the order in to Permantmark.

REPORTS:

DISCUSSION
a) Miracle Field – Opening at the end of April. Some other groups have shown interest in renting the field. The Richardts are looking to find funds to make a Green Monster for the field. They're also investing some donated money into a shade structure that will go behind the backstop and handicap accessible bleachers.
b) NARA Parking Lot Expansion – There are now yard lights at the parking lot
c) CPC – nothing to report.
d) School Street – Someone unfortunately did donuts on the fields and there was some damage. A citizen also wants to have the School Street Fields as their home field to fly remote control planes and helicopters. A business came to the Recreation Department to see if they can set up a trapeze on the fields for profit for the summer.
e) Playground Update
f) Open Space & Recreation Plan
g) NARA Park Pavilion Update – Ms. Fochtman sat down with the architect about the bid package and sent it to Town Counsel. This will be advertised by May 1st. Looking to select a company by June.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION – NOTHING TO REPORT

MEETING ADJOURNED TIME: 8:55PM

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<https://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-1985>

