

**Marlborough Park and Recreation Commission
Marlborough Town Hall
Regular Meeting
Tuesday February 17, 2004
7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Lazzari at 7:06 p.m. The following Commission members were in attendance: Louise Concodello, Shari Covino, Dorothy Foley and Bill Vishnosky.

Also Present: Nancy Baker, Park and Recreation Director

2. Recognition of Guests

No guests were in attendance.

3. Public Comments

No public comments.

4. Acceptance of Minutes

Louise Concodello made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Dorothy Foley seconded and all were in favor. The corrections are as follows:

Under Public Comments -Tom Hughes should be changed to Tom Giola, in the 5th sentence of the second paragraph.

Under 7.1 the following sentences should be added - The meeting was recessed and Louise Concodello and Bill Vishnosky left the meeting to go to the Selectmen's Meeting where Bill Vishnosky was appointed by the Selectmen and sworn in by the Town Clerk and returned to the Park and Recreation meeting a Commission member. The meeting continued.

Under 7.3 the last sentence should be changed to – Dorothy Foley suggested having these attendants wear bright orange shirts and whistles to make them look more official.

5. Review of Correspondence

Nancy Baker received a letter from Chi LaBossiere of West Road, which expressed her positive experience with the beginner aerobic class offered by the Park and Recreation Department.

6. Additions to Agenda

7.3 Sign at Blish Park

7.4 Volley Ball Court at Blish Park

8.4 Employee Recognition Program

Louise Concodello made a motion to add these items to the agenda. Shari Covino seconded and all were in favor.

Shari Covino mentioned seeing ATV's across the street from Blish Park. She voiced safety concerns. Barbara Lazzari asked her to report the problem to the police if she sees it again.

7. Old Business

7.1 Ordinance Revision Update

Nancy Baker informed the members that the Ordinance passed. She distributed copies to all members. It was mentioned that a procedure manual/bylaws was previously suggested as a follow-up project to the Ordinance revision. The members decided to wait and see if the Selectmen require such a project in the future.

7.2 CIP Update

Nancy Baker reported that she was approved to use the remaining money from the Blish Park gate project for a "resident only" parking sign. She has begun working on the sign and showed it to the members. Nancy also reported that the community board was not approved by the selectmen because they are looking at alternate methods of advertising all town events.

Nancy Baker reported that the First Selectman, Nancy Bader, has recommended to the Board of Finance to pass the \$4,000 renovations to the bathhouse. She has also recommended reallocating \$54,000 from the Community Center project to the West Road Memorial Field project. It was mentioned that a group of residents have formed a committee that is supportive of the community center. It was suggested to invite them to the Board of Finance meeting to show their support. Barbara Lazzari questioned if the West Road project would be delayed if the funds were not reallocated. Nancy Baker explained that the Commission members and concerned individuals should attend the Board of Finance meeting to voice their questions and concerns.

Nancy Baker inquired about reallocating \$16,000 for the Nature Trail project to the Park Road Field project. Barbara Lazzari asked if this would be a problem because a state grant has been applied for. She asked if the money could be put in again next year. Nancy Baker was asked to look into these issues. The members agreed that reallocating the money would be fine as long as the grant process could be continued next year to fund the Nature Trail.

7.3 Sign at Blish Park

Nancy Baker reported that she has ordered an A-frame sign to promote activities at Blish Park. The sign is on wheels so it can be locked in the bathhouse each evening.

7.4 Volley Ball Court

Barbara Lazzari reported that the volley ball court idea would need to go before the Inland and Wetlands Commission. They would need a map of the exact size and location of the court as well as other information. The Commission decided to prepare this information for the April Inland and Wetlands Commission meeting.

8. New Business

8.1 Pavilion Reservations in June

Nancy Baker spoke about reservations of the pavilion in June before the Park is officially opened. She has received calls from daycares wishing to bring their children to the park. In the past she has always provided staff and facilities for these occasions, however, this year due to budget constraints she would prefer to take reservations for weekends only. These groups could use the park during the week but there will be no guards or facilities. The group could hire their own lifeguard if they wish. The Commission agreed to this arrangement due to lack of funding this year.

8.2 budget FY 04/05

Nancy Baker reported that the budget has been submitted to the Assistant Treasurer. She distributed and reviewed the budget with the members. Dorothy Foley mentioned that she spoke about the Parking Lot Attendant position with Vi Schwarzmam at the Senior Center.

8.3 Director's Report

Attached

Marlborough Day was discussed. The members chose a tentative date of July 24, 2004. Events and activities discussed were: A crazy boat race, bands, crafters, food vendors, hot air balloons, boat rides, pony rides, clowns and amusement park rides. Barbara Lazzari asked the members to think about these suggestions. She would like to include activities that attract all ages.

8.4 Employee Recognition Program

An event is planned for May 16, 2004 at Blish Park for all Town Employees, Commissions, Board members and their families.

9. Public Comments

No public comments.

10. Future Meetings

10.1 March 16, 2004, 7:00 PM Park and Recreation Commission Meeting – Town Hall

10.2 April 26, 2004 Town Budget Hearing

10.3 May 10, 2004 Town Budget Meeting

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:50 p.m. by Dorothy Foley. Bill Vishnosky seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk