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Acton Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Room 121
Acton Town Hall
May 4, 2010

Call to Order

Ms. Karen Jarsky, Chair, called meeting to order at 7:15 PM. The following attendees were present: Ms. Karen Jarsky, Chair, Ms. Kim Bodnar, co-Chair, Mr. Frank Calore, Commissioner, Ms. Elizabeth Payne, Commissioner, Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, Ms. Cheryl Getsick, Recreation Part-Time Secretary, Guests: Ms. Joanne Bissetta , Boy Scout Troup #284, Mr. Stephen Leo, Mr. Danny Rivera.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion to Approve March 10, 2010 Minutes as amended Mr. Frank Calore. Second by Ms. Bodnar and Ms. Payne. Motion passes 4-0

Citizens Concerns: Great Hill

Ms. Fochtman reports "Falcon Sports" is running a kiddie soccer program at Little Great Hill. The instructor has set up on the bigger soccer fields instead of the little field thus creating conflict between dog owners who use the field to gather and socialize their dogs and soccer parents. The instructor had confused the location of where the class would be held. Youth Soccer had a designated time on the larger field. Youth Soccer notified the Recreation Department as well. Ms. Bodnar questioned why the dog owners had set up tables on the field; were they associated with any type of permit? Ms. Fochtman replied, "No, the group is not organized in any manner". Ms. Fochtman contacted the Town Dog Officer and Police Department. Mr. Rivera commented the dog owner should maintain voice control or the dog should be on a lease. Ms. Jarsky stated the dog owners should "Self-Patrol" themselves. Ms. Bodnar reporting parking is difficult as the dog owners occupy the parking spaces which are available for field users. Ms. Jarsky recommended reviewing prior Recreation Commission meeting minutes; possible from December 2007 to review discussion with the dog owners. Mr. Calore commented Recreation should not have the responsibility of a dog park and proposed a motion for signage posting the bylaws at all entrances (3), "All dogs must be leashed or under effective voice control, by law at all times. Ms. Bodnar seconded.

Action Item

The Town of Acton Police Department will be contacted and informed of the signage. Ms. Fochtman will arrange for signage to be posted.

Recreation CPA Representative

Ms. Roland Bartl approached Ms. Fochtman about a search for a representative on the CPA board. CPA meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, when in full swing. Ms. Payne was thanked for volunteering to represent the Recreation Department. Mr. Ron Schlegal will be contacting Ms. Payne regarding her participation as a CPA Representative.

New Commissioner Outreach

Mr. Frank Calore will be retiring from teaching at the Acton Public School and Recreation Commission this June 2010.

Action Item

Mr. Stephen Leo is considering an Associate Commissioner. Ms. Getsick will contact the Town of Acton various sports leagues for any interested parties. Ms. Bodnar will contact the Acton Family Network. Ms. Jarsky inquired about posting position on a Town of Acton message board.

Reports

a) *Elm Street Update*: Drainage on the field continues to be a concern. AASL has added more material in hopes drainage is corrected.

b) *Morrison Farm Update*: Ruth Martin, an Acton resident has requested public records dating from 2006 to current relating to the use of home and barn.

c) *CPC*: Everything has passed at Town meeting. The Town of Acton has purchased the Caouette property located in South Acton.
d) *School Street:* No report.
e) *Playground Update:* Replacement equipment for Goward will be approved shortly, mulching will not occur this season. Mr. Calore will contact The Haartz Company located in town, with a request for materials. These materials will be utilized as replacement for the tops of the trains and houses. Ms. Fochtman will obtain the measurements. Ms. Jarsky inquired about parking lines to be painted at the Gardner Field. Ms. Fochtman will inquire with Engineering as to ownership of the property.
f) *Open Space and Recreation Plan*: No report
g) *NARA Picnic Pavilion Update*: Ms. Fochtman reported Recreation is in the process of working with on a preliminary design with lots of functionality such as a possible dance floor under the pavilion.

New Business

TePee Archery: Ms. Fochtman will contact them regarding possible classes
Peak Software: Recreation has started implementation of on-line registration.

Meeting Adjourned 8:38pm