



Town of Acton Recreation Commission

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MINUTES -
NOVEMBER 6, 2007

7:00 PM

ROOM 125, ACTON TOWN HALL

ATTENDEES

Recreation Commission members present were Mr. Ron Schlegel, Mr. Frank Calore, Ms. Karen Jarsky and Mr. Jon Benson. Also present was Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, Maura Haberman, Events Coordinator/Administrative Assistant. Ms. Alison Gallagher was not present.

NOTE TAKER

Maura Haberman, Events Coordinator/Administrative Assistant

AGENDA TOPICS

Meeting called to order at: 7:06 PM

Citizens Concerns

DISCUSSION

- a. Ann O'Grady Email Letter to Recreation Department regarding Skate Park Parking Problem
- b. Resident at 14 Elm Street Field New Field Light Complaint to Recreation Director

CONCLUSIONS

- a. A memo had been sent on Oct. 18 to Mr. Murray by Ms. Fochtman with a recommendation from the Recreation Commission for restricted signage for the Skate Park parking. Mr. Calore noted that the problem will continue until tickets are issued. The High School parking lot is only 300 yards from the most distant field.
- b. Ms. Fochtman reported that ordinance studies are currently being conducted and found that one light had exceeded the brightness limit. Musco Lighting will need to return to make an adjustment to meet the lighting requirement ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- a. Minutes, October 2, 2007
- b. Meeting Dates for 2008

CONCLUSIONS

- a. The Minutes of October 2, 2007 were approved as written, 4-0
- b. The meeting dates for 2008 were reviewed with no issues.

DISCUSSION

- a. Field Fees for 2008
- b. NARA Youth 2008 Fee Recommendation
- c. NARA Beach 2008 Fee Recommendation

Ms. Fochtman explained implementing a yearly user field fee per player to all leagues across the board so all users contribute to field maintenance. Currently, some user groups are not contributing to field maintenance at all. Town fields need to be improved across the board. A greener approach and soil improvement needs to be made. Ms. Fochtman also noted that higher cost field improvement items need to be funded with field fees, i.e. field lighting, bleachers, fencing. Mr. Schlegel would like to see more control and consistency in our Town fields and the fees collected would benefit each seasonal player regardless of where they play from one season to the next.

MOTION: Mr. Calore motioned, seconded by Ms. Jarsky, that leagues collect a yearly per person youth and adult league player charge of \$10 for Acton Leagues and \$15 for Non-Acton Leagues beginning in the Fall season of 2008 (Aug.) Approved 4-0

Fee recommendations to the BOS for 2008 were discussed and drafted for this meeting in October. Below are the proposed fees drafted for the amphitheatre, Elm Street Tennis Courts, facilities rental, field fees, camp clinics, and group swim rates recommendation fee for 2008.

CONCLUSIONS

Amphitheatre Rental Per Hour Fee				
Acton Non-Profit	Acton For-Profit	Non-Acton Non-Profit	Non-Acton For-Profit	
\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$250	
Electric Fee	\$50 per hour		Plus custodial fees as applicable.	
Elm Street Tennis Courts Per Hour Fee				
Non-Profit Groups	Acton Resident-Per Court	Non-Acton Resident Per Court	For-Profit (Camp/Clinic)	
\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$40	
Covered Pavilion at the Bathhouse				
# of People	Acton Resident 4 hours	Acton Resident Full Day	Non Res. 4 hours	Non Resident Full Day
0-49	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00
50-99	\$ 85.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
100-149	\$ 110.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
150-200	\$ 135.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 650.00

Patio Tent at the Bathhouse				
# of people	Acton Resident 4 hours	Acton Resident Full Day	Non Res. 4 hours	Non Resident Full Day
0-49	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00
Tent 1 (Smaller) Upper Beach Area Accommodates up to 50 people				
# of people	Acton Resident 4 hours	Acton Resident Full Day	Non Res. 4 hours	Non Resident Full Day
0-25	\$ 35.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00
26-50	\$ 60.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00
Tent 2 (larger) Upper Beach Area Accommodates up to 150 people				
# of people	Acton Resident 4 hours	Acton Resident Full Day	Non Res. 4 hours	Non Resident Full Day
0-49	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 180.00
50-99	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 360.00
100-150	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 540.00
Field Fees--Per Field Fee				
	Acton Res. Up to 2 hours	Non Res. 2+ hours	Acton Res. Up to 2 hours	Non Res. 2+ hours
Per Field Use	\$ 60.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 240.00
Multiple Day Use (10 Consecutive days) 2 hours or less	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Multiple Day Use (11-20 Consecutive days) 2 hours or less	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
10 Consecutive weeks with same day, same time	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Camp/Clinic Field Fees Per Day/Per Field				
All camps/clinics	\$ 240.00			
Beach Access Group Permit Rate--Group rate pricing is only available for entire party. Daily rate otherwise.				
\$3.00 per person for entire party				
Refundable Security Deposit				
Parties using Bathhouse over 100		\$ 200.00		
Parties using Picnic area over 100		\$ 200.00		
Parties with Liquor Permit		\$ 300.00		
All Amphitheater Permits		\$ 300.00		
Fields Special Event/per field		\$ 250.00		

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Schlegel, seconded by Ms. Jarsky to accept the above amended fee schedule for 2008 for recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, approved 4-0.

2008 NARA Beach & Summer Youth Fees Recommendations

Current Pre-Season (before May 31) Beach Rates

- Acton Family \$135
- Acton Couple \$100 (new 2008)
- Acton Individual \$75
- Acton Senior \$(65+) \$25
- Non Acton Family \$185
- Non Acton Couple \$135 (new 2008)
- Non Acton Individual \$110
- Non Acton Senior (65+) \$40

Current Regular Season (after May 31) Beach Rates

- Acton Family \$185
- Acton Couple \$135 (new 2008)
- Acton Individual \$105
- Acton Senior \$(65+) \$25
- Non Acton Family \$235
- Non Acton Couple \$175 (new 2008)
- Non Acton Individual \$135
- Non Acton Senior (65+) \$40

Daily Beach Rates

- Acton Family \$20
- Acton Couple \$8 (new 2008)
- Acton Individual \$5
- Acton Senior (65+) \$3 (new 2008)

NARA Youth and Mighty Mini Summer Program Fee Recommendation

- \$205 per session week for ages 6-13
- \$250 for ages 4-5 for an 8:00am – 4:00pm day
- \$125 for ages 4-5 for half day Mighty Mini Program (ages 4 & 5)
- \$20 per week for pre care for all ages
- \$40 per week for post care only for all ages
- \$60 per week for pre and post care for all ages
- Fees do not include field trips, they are extra and optional

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Ms. Jarsky to accept the above 2008 NARA Beach and NARA Youth Summer Program Fee schedule recommendations to the Board of Selectmen, approved 4-0.

DOG ISSUE DISCUSSION—Mr. Schlegel reported that he attended the BOS hearing on the NARA Park leashing policy. The BOS passed continuance on NARA Park's leash policy. Mr. Schlegel would like to recommend Morrison Farm as a potential Dog Park and a no dogs off leash policy on Great Hill Fields policy and if Morrison Farm constructs soccer fields, then Great Hill can become a dog park. Mr. Benson would like to

find an area for dogs as they are part of the family. Ms. Fochtman will draft a memo to the BOS regarding dog complaints at Great Hill. Mr. Schlegel would like to discuss Great Hill dog issues at the next meeting.

RECREATION EVENTS—TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

REPORTS—TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

New Business/Discussion—tabled to next meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED TIME: 8:46 PM