



## RECREATION COMMISSION

February 5, 2013

Room 126

6:45 PM

Acton Town Hall, Acton, MA

### Running time approximate

Present: Ms. Karen Jarsky, Chair (late), Ms. Bridget McKeever-Matz, Vice Chair, Ms. Betsy Mercier, Commissioner; Mr. Steve Leo, Commissioner (by phone), Mr. Joe Will, Commissioner, Selectman John Sonner (late), Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, and Ms. Melissa Rier, Natural Resources, (note taker). Absent Ms. Cheryl Getsick, Secretary.

- 1) 6:45 PM Call Meeting to Order
- 2) 6:46 PM Citizen's Concerns  
A citizen complained Concord-Carlisle buses are being parked at Trudeau Homes, the company near NARA Park. The business owner is attempting to change the zoning laws so they can be parked there for the long term. A concerned citizen called Recreation to inquire if anything could be done about this issue. Ms. Fochtman indicated that this issue does not involve any property within Recreation's purview.
- 3) 6:50 PM Consent Agenda  
*- Acceptance of January 8, 2013 minutes: Accepted Minutes 3 – 0.*
- 4) 7:00 PM Action Item Review / Goward Playground  
Commissioner Steve Leo suggested we keep the tunnel, tire climber, and rope climber for future Recreation use.
- 5) 7:05 PM Upcoming Recreation Calendar  
Skate Park Anniversary Event rescheduled until September 6<sup>th</sup>. Most events begin in June. New Wiffle Ball Tournaments added to the Recreation schedule after obtaining consent to use trademark logo. Events and concerts were released to the public today in our e-newsletter. Also new this year; Jazz Nights at the Bathhouse Pavilion.
- 6) 7:15 PM 2012 Financial Review  
Compared 2012 revenue to 2011 and 2010. Overall, we increased revenue in 2012 compared to the other years.
- 7) 7:30 PM Goward Playground  
Ms. Fochtman went over the Engineering Department's new topography map of the playground. Commissioners discussed where to place the bricks, possibly outlining the path or making a patio where all the bricks would be placed. Ms. Fochtman sent the new grading plan to Mr. Jay Redmond who will be excavating the site. Ms. Fochtman is on the agenda for the next Historic District meeting to present the new grading plan of the playground. Mr. Leo proposed to do some more fundraisers, like the Fun Run, for future renovations of the playgrounds around town.  
  
Action Item: Getting a couple dumpsters to remove the playground. Most of it will be going to Devens to be recycled.
- 8) 7:45 PM Morrison Farm – Mr. Leo got equipment quotes and a 3-D drawing of play farm equipment for the playground.
- 9) 8:00 PM Reports:  
a) *Miracle Field – Looking to install a shade structure and benches. Miracle League of Massachusetts submitted letter of support for Morrison Farm project.*

*Mr. Tom Tidman received and accepted as a nominee for the M.R.P.A. award for the design of the Miracle Field.*

*b) NARA Parking Lot Expansion – Recreation tried to have a nice rink, but the weather warmed up and melted all the ice.*

*c) CPC – Received presentations by all the applicants and are going over all the applications.*

*d) School Street – Nothing new.*

*e) Playgrounds – Nothing new.*

*f) Open Space and Recreation Plan – Nothing new.*

*g) NARA Picnic Pavilion – Nothing new*

*h) Recreation Operations – Fee increases were approved by BOS. Finished interviewing Camp/Waterfront Staff and sending out offer letters. Now interviewing for new seasonal employees.*

10) 8:15 PM New Business/Discussion – Nothing new.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

#### Upcoming Recreation Commission Meetings

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Time</b> | <b>Comments/Agenda Items:</b>      |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| March 5, 2012 | 6:45 PM     | Room 126                           |
| April 9, 2012 | 6:45 PM     | Room 126 (week after Town Meeting) |
| May 7, 2012   | 6:45 PM     | Room 126                           |

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