

WOODBIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, September 18, 2006

PRESENT:

Commission Members: Dwight Rowland, Robin Schaffer, Steve Conn, Janet Hershman, Stan Gedansky, and James McVeety

Staff: John Adamovich, Recreation Director; Theresa I. Burr-Bahner, Pool Director

Guest: Loch Reddy, Peter Swan; WAC Liaison, Sean Rowland: Assistant Fire Chief , Chris Dickerson; Board of Selectmen

Recorder: Jim Franco

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business

1. Minutes – Dwight made a motion to accept the minutes of August 28, 2006 and Janet seconded it. To clarify it was Marcy Kahn that stated WAC use was approximately 600 hours. 750 hours is our old approximation. Also added, that after a discussion, it is Marcy that quoted the additional "\$4500" it would be to the WAC members. Robin felt the motion was not up to us. The WAC fees meeting scheduled for this week will have to be re-scheduled. Another correction under item 2, Swim Team Readiness will be using 1 lane during free swim. All were in favor; approved.
2. Road Race Sign –Assistant Fire Chief Sean Rowland was present over the Road Race sign being allowed to hang on the firehouse. One concern was the private company's emblem being displayed on the banner. They would like clarification from First Selectman Ed Sheehy and Town Council. The Fire Department would like a "Thank You". They would appreciate something in the paper. Robin mentions how Caldwell Bankers donates \$2500 and other companies on the list donate \$250. They get their name on the application and the shirt. Sean states "they were not on the shirt last year". Robin mentions how the firehouse is on Town Property. Sean mentioned how the firemen are in charge of security of the building. Chris mentions how he thought that the sign was approved by the Board of Selectmen. Robin mentions how this benefits Woodbridge Food & Fuel

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and how \$2000 was donated last year. Sean mentions how the Firemen block roads, have a truck that follows the race, and cooks. Stan mentions a thank you sign, we couldn't run it without them. Chris will have the cross-country team help. Janet mentioned about putting a thank you in the paper. Stan mentions for the Firemen to accept our apology and for Jim and John to prepare a letter. Robin mentions how they do get t-shirts. John mentioned how the sign is not a sign that can be hung over a street. A possible alternate location would be the Center Building.

3. Pool – Theresa displays a booklet of pool programs that was handed out at Beecher's Ice Cream Social. She will have three new hires for swim lessons: David Elimelech, Lindsay Filardo, and Sally Trapp. We need new swim teachers due to fall sports. Janet made a motion and Dwight seconded it. All approved the new hires. John mentioned how the after school program needs a new hire. Gerry Case is his name. Dwight made a motion and Steve seconded it. All were in favor of Gerry Case being hired. Theresa mentioned that Beth has 8 students interested in the diving program. There will be no age limit. She chose the fee based on other pools that included Orange, Cheshire, Yale, and Stamford. Jim M's concern was that there is only a \$20 difference between a Woodbridge Resident Member and a Non-Resident Non-Member. Theresa mentions that Claire Sheckman will be making \$10.00 per hour while Jeff Syrop will be getting paid \$70 per student, roughly \$32.50 per hour. Jim F mentions how patrons are pleased with the work that was done during the shut down. Robin says the pool is wonderful. One bench had water on it the other day. It might have not been dry from cleaning. WAC begins sign up this week. WAC would like to have swim meets on the following days: October 29, November 11, December 10, and January 14. It will be on Sundays and they will be out by 11am. The only thing is that the turtle will not be able to go in on those Sundays. Marcy's Kahn had a letter in the packet.

4. Fitness Room: Jim M. mentions that a couple of machine needs to be repaired. Jim F. mentions how remaining parts have just come in. John mentions how he would like to open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-5:00pm for high school students. Joe DeFilippo will be the supervisor.

5. Outdoor Facilities: -- A. Walking trails – A trench was dug to drain the water. Chestnut trees are growing in the fenced area. Chris mentioned about the potholes in the drive way. They used reclaimed asphalt to repair some areas. They need to trim and mow around the stations. B. Multi-purpose Field- open- Stan's concern about people parking in the center island and in grass spots. The possibility of a key to open the gate on days when there will be many games. C. Baseball – Fall Ball 6 teams – 5 Ripken ages 9-10 and 1 ages 14-16. It will run until early November. WFBL ok for scoreboard; now it needs to go to Planning and Zoning. 90 foot diamond update - Conservator

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of Massaro Property gave approval for usage. It now needs to go to the Land Trust.

- 6 Tennis Courts: – Resurfaced approximately \$15,000. A resident can get a permit for private lessons. It is only a one hour permit. Chris mentioned a complaint about lessons on a Saturday morning from 8 am to 1 pm, but that is the Recreation Department's program.
- 7 Road Race: – Last meeting before the Road Race. 25th annual. WFBL supports community events and has no problem supporting the Road Race. Robin said Schaefer Home Inspection and the WFBL would be added to the shirt. There is a possibility of making a 4 by 8 sign thanking the sponsors. Ideas other than trophies were gift certificates or baskets. Chris said that all races don't give trophies. Volunteers should arrive at 7:30am.
- 8 Personnel – discussed earlier.

New Business:

1. Financial – Director's Report, Budget Report:- not included.
2. Programs: Numbers are down about 50, possibly due to the South Office being moved to North School. The door bell should be moved to inner doors.
3. Correspondence: - Cross-Country letter from Amity regarding the Cross-Country Team using the jogging/walking trail on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 from 2:30-6:00pm. Dwight made a motion, and Janet seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Other: - Chris mentioned for John to look at Skate Park liability. Jim M. mentioned about fees and his concern of the criteria for billing and determining fees. If WAC, why not the soccer team or WFBL. A concern brought up is why isn't the Board of Finance Liaison present? Chris mentions how fees were set for the Running Club. He explains we have three workers and we look at the break even point, the minimum number needed to cover costs. Jim M's concern is what is the criteria for fees and not just the pool. Dwight mentions whatever charge they get, that they would pass it on. WAC pays JCC a rental fee. Robin mentions how the Amity fee will be going up. We need the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen Liaison's to be here.

Meeting Adjourned –8:35 PM

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Next Meeting – October 23, 2006, at 7:00 P.M., at the Beecher South Assembly Room.