

## Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2007

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Meeting called to order at 7:38

**Members Present:** Ralph Valentine, Dennis Senibaldi, Brian Carne, Beth Lippold, Lynn Goldman, Barry Goldman, Glen Yergeau      Alternates: Michele Langlois, Mags Adamchek

**Also Present:** Cheryl Haas, Recreation Coordinator, Bruce Breton, Selectman Liaison

**Minutes:** Minutes Accepted from the March 15, 2007 meeting 4 – 0.

**Report of Officers:** Chairman reported that he met with the Conservation Committee is open to discussion for future cooperation on developing the Gage Lands. He is going to set up a walk of the Gage lands.

**Report of Committee:** Master Plan went before the Planning Board to give them an update and everything is moving along fine.

Coordinator reported that Earth day was Saturday and it was a success, the Boy Scouts den 266 cleaned Griffin Park, Cub Scouts, den 263 did Nashua Road, Democratic party cleaned the Beach.

Coordinator also reported – Town Day is July 1<sup>st</sup> and rain date is July 4. Offers for the lifeguard positions are out, summer program comes out Friday. Tokenal field player benches have arrived.

The Coordinator noted that May 14 the ban of smoking at town facilities will be discussed. The Recreation Committee discussed the issue and made the following motion.

The Recreation Committee recommended a proposal to the Board of Selectman that there be no smoking at Recreation fields and areas including Nashua fields, Rogers fields, Griffin Park, Wonderland Playground, Tokenal field, Searles fields and the Windham Beach. It is unhealthy, sets a bad example for kids and produces litter on the grounds. Passed 6-0-1 (Dennis Senibaldi abstained)

Cheryl Haas noted that Barry and Dennis terms along with an alternate position will be expiring in June.

Boyden Landscaping has been hard at work on all the fields.

Wonderland Playground's bid for playground repair and cleaning came in at \$10,250, power washing, sanding, sealing and a carpenter work were included in bids. Cheryl has had problems getting 3 bids for the work and would like to go before the Board of Selectman to waive 3 bid process.

Brian Carne mad a motion to go forward to the Board of Selectman on May 30<sup>th</sup> to waive the 3 bid process. Beth Lippold seconded, passed 7-0.

Dennis Senibaldi informed the Rec Committee that the money and Boyden landscapers have been accepted and approved by the Board of Selectman for work on

Tokenal field. Boyden landscapers will be handling infield materiel, field prep, loam for ruts, raking, some sod and seeds mixtures and prep the dugout areas.

**Old Business:**

There have been no major donations for the Lacrosse request for a new shed, committee members will be continuing their efforts. Gary Garfield kids will be handling the lining of the fields for lacrosse, there was also a woman who responded to the advertisement.

General maintenance at the beach, Cheryl has been getting prices for improvements. The beach will be fixes approximately by May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Spring field updates included that the fields will be closed through Monday or Tuesday. Although all the groups have been upset with the lack of access to fields, Cheryl and Ralph Valentine will draft a letter to all sport organizations from the Recreation Committee reiterating the policies regarding the fields, communications regarding issues.

Dennis is working on solutions for the geese problem at Griffin Park. Solutions include fountain, alligator decoys, fishing line. A motion was made:

The Recreation Committee supports the addition of a fountain and/or other devices that would be aesthetically pleasing and practical to deter the geese. Passed 7-0

Toilet bids were awarded to Dave's Septic.

Motion made to adjourn and accepted at 9:32. Passed 7-0