

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes**  
**September 13, 1007**

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order on September 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Sherrillbrook Park. Those present were: Bill Bonsted Omar Massoud, Lorraine Garfinkel, Peggy Brady, John D'Amore, Deanne Balutis, Marilynn Montesano, and Mike Jeffery.

Mike Jeffery began the meeting by introducing Marilynn Montesano. She was invited to attend the meeting to decide if she would like to become a member.

Mike Jeffery began a discussion on summer projects and passed out pictures of them. Fields have been added to Sherrillbrook Park to areas that were not used before. He stated the plaques have been put up at the Veterans Memorial and the fountain has been ordered. The Mum Farm has donated all the flowers, and they saved the town approximately \$3,000 on the fountain. The tennis court and basketball court at Chadwicks have been resealed and are reopened. The splash pad is close to completion, and will be open in the spring. Paving has also been completed. Mike Jeffery stated the Rec Center flooring in the back lobby has also been completed. The old flooring will be put around the bleachers. The drainage work at the dog park will be started in the fall, and the installation will begin in the spring. Mike Jeffery estimated that over \$200,000 has been saved in the last year and a half by doing the work in house.

Mike Jeffery then reviewed the participant numbers in the summer programs. The playground program was full. The swim program had 329 for lessons. Tennis program numbers doubled. Youth basketball may be changed to a camp for middle school and high school. Adult basketball was not run this year because the referees wanted a high school level of salary, so we did not have officials. Pavilion rentals were at 280. Mike Jeffery then stated for next year he has requested another attendant for all four playgrounds. The concern that has come up is that there is a limit of 72 but not everybody shows up everyday. Mike Jeffery stated that he has to run the program so that if everybody is there we meet a ratio of 1 attendant to every 12 attendees. If a staff member is added then 84 can be registered at each playground. If there is still a problem after next year, Mike Jeffery recommends putting another site at the pavilion in Sherrillbrook Park.

Mike Jeffery then stated we have received \$50,000 in grant awards this year. We received \$20,000 in a trail grant, \$30,000 in equipment, for in-field conditioner and snow removal equipment for sidewalks. Mike Jeffery stated he has also put in the 2008 budget for a new dump truck. He briefly reviewed the Rec Center proposed budget. Capital projects represent \$116,000 of the requested funds with a seven-year payback resulting from energy savings.

Bill Bonsted discussed the Library Fun Fest. He stated they collected 1,444 in parking donations. He stated the staff was a tremendous help.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.