

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes**  
**March 4, 2008**

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order on March 4, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in Sherrillbrook Park. Those present were: Bill Bonsted, John Pryor, Jerry Pitarresi, Peggy Brady, Deanne Balutis, Marilyn Montesano, and Mike Jeffery.

Mike Jeffery began the meeting by informing the committee of new board members on the committee Bob Payne & Christine Krupa. & introducing new member, Marilyn Montesano.

Mike Jeffery then asked for an update on the sub-committees and posts. Jerry Pitarresi nominated Bill Bonsted for Chairman, Peggy Brady seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Peggy Brady nominated John Pryor for Parks Chairman, the motion was seconded by Bill Bonsted, all were in favor. Bill Bonsted nominated Jerry Pitarresi as Recreation Chairman, John Pryor seconded, all were in favor. Mike Jeffery asked if anybody wanted to be on different committees. Marilyn Montesano requested to be on recreation & public relations. All other committee assignments will remain the same.

Mike Jeffery then handed out the proof of the summer flyer & summer concerts. It will be going out in the April issue of the Town Crier. He stated they have expanded the playgrounds from 70 to 82 participants because last year we had a waiting list we could not fulfill. Mike Jeffery stated he might add an additional playground attendant and rotate the position to cover the splash pad. He then stated a change in registration is we now accept credit cards. He briefly explained the interest rate and monthly fees. A beginner swim program has been added to the condensed programs. All swim lessons will be held at the Jr. High this year. Other programs have also been moved because of construction at the school. Mike Jeffery briefly discussed the bands that will be playing at the summer concert series.

Mike Jeffery asked Jerry Pitarresi for any comments on the winter recreation program. He stated that they do not get many young girls in attendance. There is total of about 15 to 20 children in attendance per hour. He stated there were some new people in attendance that stated they did not know about the program. Mike Jeffery stated that flyers are put at the school for parents to take, & he restocks it. It is also in the town crier and on the web site.

Mike Jeffery then discussed the splash pad. A fence will be put around the perimeter of it. Brady Fence will be installing it. The hours of operation will be July 1 - Sept 1 from 10am-6pm on weekdays & 10am-7pm on weekends. A fee may also be charged.

Mike Jeffery then began a discussion on the dog park. The parking lot has begun, all the equipment has been purchased, the security equipment & fencing has also been purchased. Sentinel Security will be doing the installation of the security equipment after the fencing is complete. John Meagher will be doing installation shots, and when the weather breaks, the black top & fencing will be put in, and the security system will be put in. Mike Jeffery briefly described what the dog runs would look like, and the sizes. He stated the most common improvements being put in parks are splash pads, dog parks, and recreational trail systems.

He then passed out a newly adopted town ordinance, which included rules and regulations of the dog park and reviewed them with the committee. He also reviewed the adopted hours of operation of all parks.

Mike Jeffery then reviewed the upcoming capital project at the Rec Center. A \$155,000 ban was approved by the Town Board of which \$56,000 will be utilized for new lighting and switch replacements. The town will be saving approximately \$14,000 per year on energy consumption with the lighting upgrades. Three old furnaces will also be replaced, which will save \$1,200 per year. The face of the dasher boards will be replaced also. The ban also included \$39,000 for a park dump truck, \$10,000 for a replacement desuperheater, a new marquee and walkway repairs are also planned.

Mike Jeffery then discussed the recent advertisement, which was placed in the Observer Dispatch and Town Crier looking for citizen volunteers to serve on the towns sidewalk committee. The committee will assist the town in all matters related to sidewalk ordinances, maintenance and expansion proposals. Mike asked the committee to contact any residents that they thought might be interested and let them know about this committee.

The final item on the agenda was an update on the Veterans Memorial. The third phase of the project is the installation of the pond, fountain and related lights. The equipment has been purchased and the installation is planned for July of 2008. He noted that upon completion of the pond all of the original goals of the Veterans Committee will have been meet. At this time, the committee will then turn their attention to the development of a parking area and floral gardens throughout the park. The funds remaining after the completion of the pond will be used to construct these items.

The meeting was then open for any committee member concerns or suggestions. None were presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Owens  
Secretary