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TOWN OF ACTON  
RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES – MAY 8, 2012  
TOWN CLERK, ACTON

6:45 PM

ACTON TOWN HALL  
ROOM 121

ATTENDEES

Recreation Commission members present were Ms. Karen Jarsky, Chair, Ms. Betsy Mercier, Commissioner, Ms. Bridget McKeever-Matz, Commissioner, Steve Leo, Commissioner, Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, Ms. Melissa Settipani, Natural Resources. Citizen: Mr. Joe Will.

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC: CITIZENS CONCERNS

DISCUSSION	NARA Dog Incident: A citizen observed a black vehicle stopped at NARA Park. The vehicle allowed ten (10) dogs, without leashes onto the fields. The citizen documented the license plate and turned the information into the Recreation Director, Ms. Fochtman.  Camp Acton: Trespass, The Acton Police Department contacted Recreation to inform us someone was illegally camped out at Camp Acton and left their trash.
ACTION ITEM	Ms. Fochtman provided the Town of Acton Police the license information however they were unable to locate the owner.  The Recreation Department staff cleaned the campsite.

TOPIC: CONSENT OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION	A motion to accept the April 10, 2012 minutes as amended, 4:0.
ACTION ITEM	The minutes will be updated onto the Town of Acton website.

TOPIC: ACTION ITEM REVIEW

DISCUSSION	The “FRIENDS OF PLAYGROUND” (FOP) will be holding “buy a brick” promotion for the funding of Goward Playground on Saturday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> . FOP has a permit to raffle a kayak package rental and conduct a plant sale across from the Acton Town Hall.  Gardner Playground now has a “Playground Parking Only” sign displayed.
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TOPIC: VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

DISCUSSION	Ms. Fochtman would like to nominate Mr. Bill Klauer for this award. He has been providing free cemetery walks each season and providing valuable history regarding the residents and Town of Acton history.  A motion by the Recreation Commissioners was approved 3:0
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TOPIC: CPC REPRESENTATION

DISCUSSION	A motion to reappoint Ms. Betsy Mercier for a three (3) year term to represent the Recreation Department was approved 3:0.
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TOPIC: GOWARD PLAYGROUND

DISCUSSION	Ms. Fochtman will meet with the DPW Department to discuss the engineering strategies of the project. The Steinberg-Lalli Foundation donated \$5K towards building the new playground. Currently FOP has collected \$25K in donations. FOP is running the “Fun Run” at the NARA
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	PARK Beach Party Event to raise money for the playground. Mr. Leo reported that FOP is also considering a summer concert at the Goward Playground to help raise funds.
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#### Summer Program Update

The Recreation Department has received approximately \$50K in revenue and hopes to increase NARA Youth enrollment. NARA Beach Membership registrations are about equal to last year at this time.

#### DOLI ATAMIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Recreation Department offers campership through the Doli Atamian program. Doli accepts applications from Acton residents who meet their financial standards. Doli Atamian informed the Recreation Department they are not able to support all the requests and has inquired to the Recreation Department to provide scholarships to the residents as well.

Ms. Fochtman is currently investigating options on how to best serve these families.

#### Reports:

- a) COA Senior Center Subcommittee
- b) NARA Parking Lot Expansion – The main part of the parking lot is almost complete.
- c) CPC
- d) School Street – Annual Lion's Club Fair will be held from June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.
- e) Playgrounds - NARA Playground Shade Structure Funding
- f) Open Space and Recreation Plan
- g) NARA Picnic Pavilion
- h) Recreation Operations

#### New Business/Discussion

The Recreation Commissioners have decided to continue with the start time of 6:45pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10pm

*\*Supporting and referenced documentation relating to these minutes are available on the Docushare site; <https://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-1985>*