



**Town of Acton  
Recreation Commission**

**R E C E I V E D**  
SEP 10 2012

**MINUTES**

**DATE: JUNE 5, 2012**

**7:00 PM**

**TOWN CLERK, ACTON  
ROOM 121, ACTON TOWN HALL**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Recreation Commission members present were Ms. Karen Jarsky, Chair, Ms. Betsy Mercier, Commissioner, Ms. Bridget McKeever-Matz, Commissioner, Mr. Steve Leo (via conference call), Mr. John Sonner, Board of Selectman (BOS) Liaison, Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, Ms. Cheryl Getsick, Secretary, Ms. Melissa Settipani, Natural Resources, Mr. Joe Will, Citizen.
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**AGENDA TOPICS**

**Meeting called to order at: 6:45 PM**

**Citizens Concerns:**

- Picnic Area Grills – The request to increase the size of the grills would be addressed upon replacement
- Veterans Field Graffiti – Recreation will work with ABYB to have the graffiti removed and/or painted over

**CONSENT AGENDA**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	May 2012 minutes
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	May 2012 minutes were accepted as amended, 3-0

**TOPIC: Action Item Review**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	none
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**TOPIC: GOWARD PLAYGROUND**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Reviewed the issues relating to the septic system. Concerns from the Health Department were the need to place fill rather than excavating. Due to this, the trees would need to be removed and begin with a clean slate.
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	Ms. Fochtman will speak with Mr. Cory York to review these issues.

**TOPIC: MIRACLE LEAGUE FIELD**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Landscaping for the field was purchased for a reasonable price via Kennedy's Landscaping, Acton, MA. Donated services from ONYX Landscaping and Redmond Construction. Paving is due to be scheduled shortly. Purchasing of bricks as a fundraiser is an option.
<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	none

**TOPIC: RECREATION COMMISSION EVENT VOLUNTEERS (4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY)**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Cathy Fochtman will place a request for volunteers. A few high school volunteers have signed up to assist.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Commissioners will notify Recreation of their availability.

**TOPIC: RENAMING NARA**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Discussions relating to the Selectman have approved a renaming of the park to the Nathaniel Allen Recreational Area. There is the potential to place a sign at the entrance at the lower parking lot naming the park.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	none

**REPORTS:**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Elm Street Update - none</li> <li>b) Morrison Farm Update – gardens are doing well</li> <li>c) CPC – Ms. Fochtman provided Ms. Mercier updates to the CPC document. Recreation is expecting the CPA bylaw changes to be approved by the Legislature.</li> <li>d) School Street – Lion Club Fair is upcoming</li> <li>e) Playground Update – previously discussed</li> <li>f) Open Space &amp; Recreation Plan – nothing to report</li> <li>g) NARA Park Pavilion Update – Recreation hopes to move forward when funding is released.</li> </ul>
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	h) Recreation Operations Peak – no report
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**NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED TIME:</b>	8:30PM
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<https://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-1985>*