



ED Town of Acton Recreation Commission

APR 25 2014

MINUTES
DATE: MARCH 4, 2014

ROOM 126, ACTON TOWN HALL
ACTON

ATTENDEES	Recreation Commission members present were Ms. Bridget McKeever-Matz, Chair, Ms. Betsy Mercier, Commissioner, Mr. Joe Will, Commissioner, Ms. Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, Ms. Melissa Rier, Natural Resources, Ms. Katie Green, Selectman. Ms. Cheryl Getsick, Secretary, absent.
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AGENDA TOPICS

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 PM

TOPIC: CITIZENS CONCERNS

DISCUSSION	Citizen's Concerns – The Recreation Department has been getting a few calls about plowing the paths at NARA Park. NARA is low on the list to get plowed since sidewalks around town are higher importance.
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CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION	January 2014 minutes
ACTION ITEM	January 2014 approved, 3-0

TOPIC: January Minutes Action Item Review – None

TOPIC: FISH AND WILDLIFE BUILDING

DISCUSSION	68 Harris Street: The Recreation Department is trying to obtain this property from the Fish and Wildlife Division. We have been discussing ideas on how to purchase this property that includes a three-bay barn and a building that the Recreation Department envisions as its future office. This property is desirable as office space as well as the back room which has indoor space for the department to possibly run programs. The Town of Acton has worked on a space needs study with a company called Allegro. The north wing of the Town Hall is going to be renovated and our small office space will have to be reconfigured with customers coming to the Recreation Department through the finance side of the building.
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TOPIC: OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

DISCUSSION	Open Space and Recreation Plan Public Meeting, Feb. 27: There was a 30 minute presentation about the OSRP. Having this plan approved will allow us to apply for state grants and file with the State. The attendees rotated through the focus group stations. Ms. Fochtman led the recreation part of the rotation. The public gave their opinions about the different recreation spaces throughout town.
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TOPIC: SPRING & SUMMER RECREATION BOOKLET

DISCUSSION	New program books were mailed out to all the residents today. Ms. Fochtman went over some of the programs and events with the Commissioners
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TOPIC: GOWARD PLAYGROUND

DISCUSSION	Recreation Department ordered the picnic tables for the playground and are being stored right now at the Woodlawn cemetery.
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REPORTS:

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Miracle Field: The Recreation Department met with the Miracle League and they open their season May 3rd. They're having their annual Father's Day Funfest on Sunday, June 15th.b) Community Preservation Committee: The Recreation projects that got approved for funding by CPC were the security of the Bathhouse and the shade structures at the beach and playground. The well at Morrison Farm was not supported or funded; everything else for Morrison Farm was recommended for funded. The basketball courts were also approved for funding.c) School Street: Nothing to reportd) Playground Update: Nothing to reporte) Open Space & Recreation Plan: Public meeting discussed abovef) NARA Park Pavilion Update: Ms. Fochtman had a meeting with the builders and the roofing work will be starting very soon. The deadline for it to be completed is Memorial Day weekend.g) T.J. O'Grady Skate Park: ASD/Stantec gave us a few designs to look at and get ideas about what we envision. We had a meeting with youth Police Officer Keith Campbell who suggested that we have a camera looking at the skatepark. We also talked about bringing in lighting. There is definitely a trash issue and we're trying to come up with some ideas on how to keep the park cleaner and we're looking at ways to change the atmosphere there. The Recreation Department would like to construct the skate park in two phases: (1) a skatable plaza (2) Bowl and lights.
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	<p>i) NARA Comfort Station: <i>Nothing to report</i> j) Morrison Farm: <i>Discussed above</i></p>
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NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION: NOTHING TO REPORT

MEETING ADJOURNED TIME:	8:30 PM
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