December 11, 2018 Recreation Commission Minutes

Present: Stephen Woodcock, Chair, Nicole Noakes, C-Chair, Susan Pretak, Scott Marxer, Rob Babcock, Kathleen Davis

1. November Meeting minutes – vote to approve - Dave made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes: Scott seconded it; motion passed.

2. Resignation – Diane Cullen, Recreation Leader has announced her resignation as Recreation Leader. Her last day will be Jan. 2, 2019.

3. 2019 Fee Schedule – Kathleen is preparing the 2019 fee schedule. The Town Board will be reviewing this and the other fee schedule from the Town’s departments. They hope to adopt the Town’s 2019 fee schedule in January.

3. 2019 Calendar of Events- Kathleen had a draft list and dates from the department’s special events and camp schedule. The Commission went over the dates.

4. Theme for July 4th, 2019 Independence Day Parade – The Commission began to discuss possible themes and Grand Marshall for the 2019 Independence Day Parade. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Former Items:

5. Pinewoods Park – Proposed treatment plant location by Town for central sewer district. The plant would be located in the north edge near Market Street. It would be accessed from Market Street. It should not affect the main recreational areas of the park. -“Alienation of Parkland” issue TBA addressed by Town.

6. CDBG 2019 Application – Greentree Park – Application submitted to D.C. Planning by Town Supervisor end of October. Award announcements are usually made mid-winter.

7. Dinsmore Park – baseball court-bid in January. The Commission discussed this. Kathleen mentioned that there has been some interested in Pickleboard courts in Hyde Park. The Commission agreed that the new courts at Dinsmore could be multi-surface and serve basketball and pickle ball. They also discussed upgrading the Pinewoods tennis courts to pickleboard courts.

8. Parks/Program Report – Street light for Hackett Hill Park Entrance – Kathleen requested a proposal from Central Hudson for the installation of 2 street lights in front of Hackett along East Market The Town Board will be voting on this next month. Archie has been working inside at Pinewoods Garage, hanging sheetrock and spackling, sanding and painting.
This was part of the remediation of the mold there and improving the condition inside with new insulation, etc. The improvements will make the gage warmer and reduce the cost of heating it.

9. Kathleen attended D.C. “Think Differently” conference on Special Needs Population (11/30, Wallace Center). The county has a new self-directed program that may include reimbursements on qualified campers’ registration fees.

10. Review Past Events- Teen Center – Nov. 16th – cancelled (weather)
   - Tree Lighting- Sun., Dec. 2: There was a good turnout of approximately 300 people. The PBA provided refreshments; we had a craft table where the kids made Christmas cards; John Knight and Russell Urban Meade provided live music (playing holiday carols on their clarinets). The Methodist Church chorus led us in songs. Aileen greeted everyone. She also thanked Diane for her years of service. Ken Schnieder recited “The Night before Christmas” The tree was lit and Santa arrived for the children. The Lions Club provided the lighting on the tree and Santa.

11. Upcoming Events-
   - Teen Center – Jan 11, 7:30 – 9 pm, HMS confirm attendance for:
     - Sign-ups – Wed., Nov. 14, 11am, HMS – need help?
   - Winterfest – Saturday, Jan. 19, 1-4 pm. Foul weather date is Sunday, Jan. 20.
   - Teen Center- Feb. 8, 2019

12. New Business - Susan mentioned that Patsy Costello is interested in donating a camp scholarship for a needy camper this summer. The Commission said that Patsy should pick the camper and the Town would collect the fee from her.

13. Next meeting date- Jan 8, 2019