



"Our mission is to enhance, promote and support quality recreation facilities and opportunities for all residents of the community."

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014**

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Chairman Stephen Bordua called the regular meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order at 7:30 PM in the Library Conference Room at the Thompson Library.

Members Present: Cynthia Antos, Stephen Bordua, Sylvie Hanshaw, Al LaFleur and Robert Monahan.

Members absent: Jeanne Dery, Thomas Jourdan and Cathy Thomas.

Staff Present: Audrey Witkowski and Renee Waldron.

Secretary's Report

1. **Correction to the minutes: Change the date to April 23, 2014 on the first and second pages. Cynthia Antos moved and Robert Monahan seconded the motion to accept the minutes for the April 23, 2014 meeting as corrected. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

1. The General Fund Budget Report was reviewed; there were no questions.
2. The Miscellaneous Revolving Account was reviewed.
 - a. The expenditures for the Youth Basketball line item were discussed.
 - i. Renee Waldron prepared an analysis of the last four years of the youth basketball expenses.
 - ii. The charges for the custodial services are still an issue. A further breakdown of the custodial charges and the charges at other local schools will be examined.
 - b. Performers and entertainers to coincide with the TEEG lunch program were discussed.

Correspondence

1. A note from Kim Prescott thanking Renee Waldron and the Thompson Recreation Department for their dedication to the summer camp. The note also includes a check for \$175 to sponsor a child for summer camp.

Director's Report

1. Renee Waldron reviewed her report and answered questions.
 - a. Renee Waldon met with the 4-H program coordinator about incorporating 4-H programs into Purely Rec. Their programs include staff training, guest instructors and school curriculum.
 - b. The 8th Grade Park Cleanup was successful.

Old Business

1. Park Committee Report
 - a. Two Eagle Scouts are currently working on projects in Thompson:
 - i. The Eagle Scout project at Duhamel Pond has been accepted by the Inland Wetlands Commission. The scout will assemble picnic tables and benches and spread stone dust on the existing trail.
 - ii. The Eagle Scout project at Gladys Green/Pineview Court Housing plans to construct a fishing dock. The project requires approval from the Inland Wetlands Commission.

- b. The footbridge at Riverside Park requires replacement of missing and damaged boards. The commission is currently awaiting a quote on the costs.
 - i. **Al LeFleur moved and Cynthia Antos seconded the motion to expend the \$800 already encumbered for the footbridge and take the balance out of the 950 account up to \$2000. The motion carried.**
- c. The wooden railings at Riverside Park are missing in some areas and needs replacement.
- d. The River Mill Village Playground lot has been cleared by funds provided by Thompson Together. Hull Forestry is donating half of the mulch and half of the fencing has been donated by Mercedes Robbins.
 - i. **Robert Monahan moved and Al LeFleur seconded the motion authorizing to spend up to what was previously approved for base material to be used for mulch or fencing. The motion carried.**
- 2. Quaddick State Park: No update
- 3. Ski Program for the public: No update
- 4. Professional Days and Field Trips for Purely Rec—Cost analysis needs to be completed for the June meeting. A possible new 19 ½ hour employee will be considered.

New Business

- 1. Four new staff members have been added to the camp staff.
 - a. **Cynthia Antos moved and Robert Monahan seconded the motion to send the summer staff list to the Board of Selectmen for approval. The motion carried.**
- 2. The Recreation Commission has been made aware of the proposal of a Wilsonville Boat Launch access road off of Route 12.
- 3. The Recreation Commission has been made aware of First Selectman's conceptual plan for the property adjacent to Heritage Way Park. The Commission would like to be kept updated on the status.

Citizens' Comments

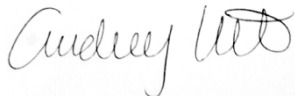
- 1. Tom Redding noted his approval of professional days and field trips for Purely Rec. which his children attend. Redding commented on the lack of consistency with staff members in regards to the rules and would like to see a program that teaches children how to handle these situations.

Announcements

- 1. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

- 1. Chairman Bordua adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.



Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary