

WELLESLEY RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 25, 2013

6 pm Warren Building

Attending:

Mr. Wrobel, Mr. Harrington, Ms. Baier, Mr. Conlin, Mr. Burt, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Chin & Mrs. Kaseta

Guests: Mr. Capozzi (Advisory)

Business:

Minutes from February 25, 2013 were approved.

Motion: By Mr. Conlin to approve the minutes from February 25, 2013
Seconded: By Mr. Wrobel
Vote: All in favor

900 Worcester Street Update:

Mr. Wrobel reported that the 900 Worcester Street Report is in the Advisory book, but there will be no motion at Town Meeting, pending the appeal, purchase and due diligence.

High School Stadium Task Force Update:

Mr. Harrington informed the Commission that Mrs. Westerman presented the Task Force findings to the School Committee. It now falls to the School Committee to act on the report.

Morses Pond Summer Operation Plans:

Recap of the February 25th meeting:

- Higher non-resident fee for beach tags
- Higher daily rate for non-residents
- Early Bird tag purchase discount for residents only
- Extend the season by one week to August 25th.
- Keep one person on duty until dusk each day. They will close the gate later. Lifeguards will still go off duty at their regular time. No one will be charged a daily fee after the guards go off duty.

- Hire someone to open & close the gate on weekends post season. Number of weekends to be determined. The bathhouse will not be open during this time.
- Groupon sales limited to 600

Outdoor Skating Report:

Mr. Wrobel informed the Commission that the skating season has concluded and that the rinks had about 31 days of use.

Sustainable Energy Committee:

Mr. Harrington informed the Commission that the Sustainable Energy Committee has asked the Commission to vote on supporting their policy.

Mr. Wrobel expressed concern about not meeting compliance of the policy and then being required to financially support it.

Mr. Harrington will contact Mrs. Littlefield and ask for clarification of the policy and vote of support.

Motion: By Mr. Wrobel to support the Sustainable Energy Committee’s policy “to minimize energy use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions while optimizing occupant safety and comfort in buildings operated by the FMD.”

Seconded: By Ms. Baier

Vote: Two in favor (Mr. Wrobel & Ms. Baier), 3 opposed (Mr. Harrington, Mr. Burt & Mr. Conlin)

Discussion followed focusing on if the Commission would “support” or “adopt” the policy.

Motion: By Mr. Burt to adopt the Sustainable Energy Committee’s policy “to minimize energy use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions while optimizing occupant safety and comfort in buildings operated by the FMD.”

Seconded: By Mr. Harrington

Vote: Two in favor (Mr. Harrington & Mr. Burt), 3 opposed (Mr. Wrobel, Ms. Baier & Mr. Conlin)

Motion: By Mr. Wrobel to support the Sustainable Energy Committee’s policy “to minimize energy use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions while optimizing occupant safety and comfort in buildings operated by the FMD,” so it does not create an unfunded mandate to the Recreation Department.

Seconded: By Ms. Baier

Vote: All in favor

Staff Report:

Mr. Kennedy informed the Commission that most of the summer camps are well subscribed or completely full with waiting lists. Also, that the Department has created an account with Constant Contact and will now have the ability to send out newsletters.

Mr. Chin informed the Commission that the Spring Thaw/Open House was well attended with over 300 people attending.

Mr. Chin also reported that he had been working with Mr. Waldman (Treasurer) and Century Bank (credit card processor) on reducing the bank fees for credit card transactions. The potential savings could be approximately \$3,000 per year.

Mrs. Kaseta informed the Commission that she and Mr. Kennedy will be meeting with Mrs. Bellivue (School Business office) on some issues regarding scheduling/use of Wellesley Children's Community Center (WCCC). Mr. Burt will be the liaison from the Commission to the School Department on this issue.

General Discussion – Programs & Facilities:

Mr. Harrington informed the Commission that DPW has been good about plowing the turf fields, but there have been conflicts with High School teams showing up while other users are using the fields.

Mr. Wrobel inquired about a lifeguard training course at Morses Pond this summer. There will not be any courses offered, but Mrs. Kaseta will forward a list of class offerings in other locations.

Mr. Wrobel revisited the volleyball league at Morses Pond. Mr. Chin informed him that the league is in the brochure and that he has been working with some High School community service students who are interested in joining and promoting the league. Mr. Wrobel believes the department should partner with Boston Sports Club and ask them to run the league. Mr. Harrington was concerned about charging people to play after hours.

Mr. Wrobel also informed the Commission that the owner of LINX would like to meet and discuss partnering opportunities with the Department.

Mr. Conlin will contact Tory DeFazio from the Historical Society to move the American Legion doors to the new property purchased by the Historical Society.

Mr. Capozzi informed the Commission that his wife and son are organizing a car wash fundraiser for Wellesley Friendly Aid.

Citizen Speak:

None

Next Meeting:

The next Commission meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

Motion: To adjourn by Mr. Burt
Seconded: By Ms. Baier
Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Kaseta

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