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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 1 MARCH 2010

Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien – Vice Chairman, Dan Proto, Kevin Turner, Rene King, Kathy Pina, and Andy Gauthier

Commission Members Absent: Clyde Takala – Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm, roll call was taken. Kathy Pina made a motion to accept the minutes from February 1st, seconded by Dan Proto, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

Public Hearing **Suspended until 5:45 pm**

Public Comment **John Kelly** thought that the Town Sailing Program needed to be expanded and to grow larger. He said that the Kennedy Memorial Sailing Program only teaches children ages 10-14 and should be available to adults. He said there were a number of public sailing facilities throughout Massachusetts and he wants Barnstable to go that way. **Andy Gauthier** asked how big the town sailing was. **David Curley** informed him and the Commission Members that there were 130 children in the program this past summer. He said that the program received funding for two additional boats. **Dan Proto** asked how much money is it per boat. **David** said it was about \$7,000 per boat and it is additional for the trailers. **Kathy Pina** asked if there was a Cape Cod Sailing Club on the Cape. **David** said the Kennedy Memorial Sailing Program is maxed out now with the children sailing Monday through Friday. And the fee of \$75 is very attractive to the participants as opposed to hundreds of dollars for other sailing programs. **Andy Gauthier** asked what the limiting factor was for the program. **David** said that they have 8 boats and they are kept at Veteran's Beach. The sailing program runs Monday through Friday and they have an upper level or adult class one night a week and the program is full. There was only room for a dozen more kids this past summer. **John Kelly** said the Commission Members should look at New Bedford Sailing or Pleasant Bay Boating to get a feel of a public sailing facility. **Kevin Turner** asked if the Town sailing program requested a waiver be signed to use the boats. **David** said no because they are covered under their insurance policy through the Town.

Old Business **Joe** asked that the issue of the wishing well be discussed. **Kathy** said she has a donor available for the small well that is priced for \$1,995 and it will fit appropriately on the TD Bank wall. She said there will be signs to say "giving back" to show the public that the children are giving back to the Hyannis Youth and Community Center. **David** said the monies raised from the well would help under privileged children to join the facility or register for a program. **Rene** asked if there could be some

flexibility to the monies raised and give it to different areas in need in the rink. **Kathy** said Mark Lorusso's message to the Hyannis Youth and Community Center was for the children to use the facility and to also give back to the same facility. **Rene** asked if the money would be used for a general purpose. She said people like to see what they are donating to; how is the money going to be used. **David** said it would be much like the Kennedy Memorial pool; it would go to scholarships. **Kathy** said it would be generalized. **Rene** asked if a report could be provided or displayed as to who or what the money would be used for. **Kevin Turner** made a motion to accept the smaller wishing well, seconded by Rene, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

Joe O'Brien gave a brief review of his Committee Chairperson Meeting. He said there were about 15 people there and they each gave a synopsis of what projects they were involved with. He asked about the Committee Hand Book that was being considered at one time. Term limits were discussed for committee and commission members. **Kevin** said that consistency is helpful for the Recreation Commission. **Joe** agreed and thought that term limits for commission members would be too limiting to some groups. **Joe** also suggested groups do recruiting before there was a vacancy on any particular board or committee and the interested individual could go to a few meetings to see how things were run. **Dr. Deborah Dagwon** is the new liaison for the Recreation Commission for 2010.

Joe O'Brien asked that Patti Machado be invited to the April Meeting. **Rene King** asked that her idea of a fundraiser be put on April's agenda. **David Curley** said that he should have some data from the beach surveys for next meeting as well.

Public Hearing on the Centerville Ball Fields

Rich Petze and Steve Mele of Barnstable Little League presented the Commission with a proposal to fit two additional fields in Centerville at the Centerville Ball fields on Bay Lane. **Steve Mele** discussed the issues of lighting, parking, and field usage. The lights they would use only light a specific area with very little spill light into surrounding areas. They would ban parking on the street along Bay Lane; Little League does not start until 5pm. Concerning the field usage; the season is basically from May 1st until July 1st. **Rich Petze** said they may consider doing some baseball in the fall. **Kevin Turner** said he needed dates and with out specific dates for the Barnstable Little League season, he would vote no for the field upgrades. **David** said they would need a permit if they were going to use the fields off season even if they are the primary user. **Joe O'Brien** opened the discussion up to the public. **Lisa Giovannone Jones** from 609 Bay Lane had many issues concerning the upgrades to the Centerville Fields. She asked why this field. **Rich Petze** said there was no other access to fields or plots of land. There are two existing fields there now and it would be easy to create the third. It is centrally located. Barnstable Little League has been using it for the past three years. **Lisa** said she had concerns about the parking. She has had trouble with people in her driveway. The bouse house is at the end of her drive way and the trash is disgusting. She is concerned about kids running across the street to the playground. **Kevin Turner** informed her that they have incorporated a playground into their renovations. **Matt Shifley**, principal of Centerville Elementary School said they have about 300 kids. **Rich Petze** said there would be 72 kids at any one time per game. There are over 100 parking spots available. **Rene King** said tickets should be issued to cars parked along Bay Lane. **Joe** suggested an announcement over the loud speaker to inform the parents of the no parking zone. **Lisa** continued by saying her car had been broken into four times, she is concerned about the lights. She doesn't want people wandering into her back yard because she has a pool. And she did not like the idea of listening to a PA system all summer long. **Kathy Pina** said when the Barnstable County Fair had problems with cars parking on rte 151 signs were posted and it was the responsibility of the police to enforce it. **Lisa** said she had concerns about where the bathrooms would be located. **Rich** said they could move them away

from her property and they were looking into all kinds of different options. **David** asked if Rich was planning on phasing the project or doing a complete renovation. **Rich** said Little League needs to look at funds and this project renovation would not happen this year. **Steve Mele** said their intention was to delay the lights; have them wired for future use. Regarding the trash; the Town is responsible for taking the trash away. **Rich** said they would place a dumpster on the property to have trash removed daily. **Matt Shifley** asked if the school would still have access to the fields for gym class and field day. **Rich** said they would work closely together and it was not a problem. **Kevin Turner** said the upgrades would be beneficial to the school and asked Principal Shifley if word has gotten out about the possible upgrades. **Matt Shifley** said the parents were very excited. **Rich** said on occasion they use the PA system, but not often, this league doesn't require it. He said the front field will be used for 7 year olds for ten weeks, the middle field for 8 year olds for ten to eleven weeks, and the third field would be used as it has been for the last 3 years. There would be 24 kids on a field at one time; not a whole lot of usage at one time. **Lisa** said she was going to make all the other neighbors aware of the plans. **Matt Shifley** said there would be a problem if parking wasn't allowed on Bay Lane during school hours. A parking ban with specific hours was suggested. **Peter Fisher** from Centerville Civic Association was disappointed there was only one abutter at the meeting. He also said he hoped the Recreation Commission would bend over backwards to accommodate the neighbors. He asked if the lights from the ball field would be adequate to light the tennis courts. **Rich** said no. **Peter** said good answer. He looked into Musko lighting and said there was 50% reduction of spill light from these lights and the higher the poles the better. These lights would not cause any lighting issues for any of the neighbors. **Peter** said the Centerville Civic Association would watch this issue closely; the Civic Association is happy about the upgrades. **Kathy** said she has concerns about kids being too close to the road. **Rich** said they have safety plans made out for such things. **Joe O'Brien** said the Commission would take the discussion under advisement and they would like to hear more from the abutters and as Rich said, the project would not happen this year. **Rich and Steve** thanked the Commission for their time. **Lisa** asked who she would call if she needed to address any issues. **David Curley** informed her she could call him.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 5th, 2010 at 5:30 at Town Hall. Kathy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rene, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Garfield, Principal Division Assistant, Recreation Division.