



Thomaston Recreation Commission

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The Regular meeting of the Thomaston Recreation Commission was held on Monday, March 1st. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Pam Deziel, at 7:35 P.M.

Roll Call:

Members present were Chairperson, Pam Deziel, Gary Wilson, Marty Stammer, Rick Markey, and Jeff Madden. Also present was Marty Egan

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the members. Gary Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Marty Stammer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the minutes were accepted.

Old Business:

- A. 2010-2011 Nystrom's Park budget – Marty Egan gave the Commission a final copy of the Nystrom's budget and proposed staff schedule for the upcoming 2010-2011 season. Marty explained to Commission members that he had done some adjustments in scheduling to attempt to provide more staffing on the weekends when the majority of the crowds and subsequent problems have been happening. He explained that this budget will provide for two lifeguards working simultaneously on Saturday and Sundays and also provides for the gatekeeper to clean the bathroom building from 9:00-10:00 each day and then work the gate from 10:00-5:00 each day. In general the Park will be staffed from 9:00-5:00 in the month of July and 10:00-5:00 in the months of August and June 2011. Marty Stammer made a motion to accept the budget and the staff schedule as presented. Jeff madden seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion was passed.
- B. Marty Egan explained to the Commission that he had sent a letter to Little League President, Kathy-Jo Butkevicius, in an attempt to follow up on Jeff Dunn's inquiry about the Little League utilizing the bathroom building this spring at Nystrom's. Marty explained that Kathy-Jo's response was that the Little League Board did not meet until Thursday, March 4th and that she would discuss this issue with the Little League Board and follow up with a communication as to their interest in using the building, if any. Marty explained that he told Kathy-Jo, that he would table the issue until the Commission's April meeting awaiting her communication on behalf of the little league Board.
- C. Marty Egan distributed the literature he had obtained from the Risk management consultant from the Town's Insurance Carrier in regards to the track Committee's request to use Nystrom's Pond for a penguin plunge on March 27th. Mike Burr, who was heading up the fundraising event was at the Recreation Commission meeting and told Commission members that he had decided to cancel that event in lieu of an alternative fundraiser that he would discuss with Marty Egan at a later date.

New Business:

- A. Marty Stammer made a motion to add Mike Burr to the agenda under new business so that he may present updated track committee information to the Recreation Commission. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. With all members in favor, Mr. Burr was added to the agenda.

Mike Burr explained to the Commission members the intention of the newly formed track committee and listed the names of all members currently serving on it. He told the Commission that the committee looked at several sites in Town and have concluded that the site of the old proposed track site at Nystrom's from the Recreation Commission's 1991 feasibility study of that property had also proven to be the best option his committee could find as well, citing the fact that the Town already owns the property, ample parking, and a lot of preliminary work being completed already through the original studies including mapping of wetland areas, core samples, etc. Mr. Burr showed the Commission maps of the proposed track site overlaying an aerial map of the property. He explained to the Commission his method for funding the project was through federal and state money and that his intention was to not use and Thomaston taxpayer money for the project if at all possible.

- B. Marty Egan explained to Commission members that he had been asked to attend the Capital Improvements Committee on Tuesday, February 23rd to discuss the Recreation Commission's Capital submissions for the fiscal year 2010-2011. He explained that he met with members Frank Treglia, Marie Galbraith, and Paul Biron from that committee and that he was able to answer their questions relating to the three submitted projects.
- C. Pam Deziel told Commission members that she had been approached by Blaine Rogozinski to see if the Commission would consider removing the pavilion at Reeve's Field in lieu of replacing that area with some new playground equipment. She stated that Mr. Rogozinski felt that he could start a grass roots effort to raise money for the playground equipment.
- D. Pam Deziel told Commission members that she was contacted by Mike Costin regarding the fact the he had a stone that was made to be placed in the building at Reeve's to memorialize the year in which it was built. Pam stated that Mr. Costin was willing to install it in the building for the Commission. Commission members had no problem with the gesture. Pam said she would contact Mr. Costin to let him know and make arrangements to complete the work.

Communications:

- A. Marty Egan gave the Commission a copy of the letter the Commission had requested he send to Little league President, Kathy-Jo Butkevicius regarding the Little league's intention to use the bathroom building at Nystrom's for the upcoming spring season.

Adjournment:

Rick Markey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. Gary Wilson seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.