

Ashford Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 14th, 2015 7:00 pm

Present: Sherry York, Sandra Moquin, Kim Ayers and Dan Kehoe
Call to Order at 7:15 P.M.

Public to be heard: No public present

Minutes from March Meeting: Kim made motion to accept March's minutes, Sandra seconded all in favor motion passed.

Financial Report as of 4/1:

	Amount Budgeted	Expenditures	Balance Remaining
Recreation	\$34,000	\$23,000	\$11,000
Administrative	47,100	33,043	13,831
Grounds	13,300	6,300	7,000
Totals	\$100,753	\$65,057	\$34,843

Kim made motion to accept the Financial Report, Dan seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business – Upcoming Programs

- **Summer Concert Series**

Two bands have been hired – July 7th – The Patrones – Old Time Rock & Roll at \$700
July 21st – “What It Is” – a 6 pc brass band for \$800
We still need a band for July 14th and July 28th.

We are attempting to have Tire Biter on August 4th but they have a previous engagements' rain date scheduled for that night. We are working on the window for their rain date. Sherry will be contacting them on this conflict.

We discussed having the Desiree Bassett Band if things do not work out with Tire Biter.

We are considering also an Irish band. We also discussed a couple of acoustic duos that we might be able to get for \$500 or less. Concert Budget is \$3500. Sherry will continue to work on it.

- **The APRC Concert/BBQ date is on August 4th.** We have talked with Mike Zambo about including other commissions and boards of Ashford at this concert with complimentary tickets. Food items discussed were, corn, ice cream sundaes, coleslaw, fried chicken, corned beef and cabbage, ribs, pulled pork. We are leaning towards having the pulled pork, coleslaw, corn on the cob, and ice cream sundae again.

- **Update on Bus Trips – NYC, Bronx Zoo, Red Sox, J.T. at Tanglewood**

There are still seats left for the NYC trip. We need new ways to advertise. Dan suggested doing a butterfly bus trip to Deerfield, Mass. The J.T. tickets are selling.

- **Summer Programs (Eric's proposal on 5 K road race)**

Eric's proposal is as follows:

Date: September 5th, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

Location: Ashford Memorial Park 2 loops around Southworth Drive is 5K or 3.1 miles

Early bird registrants to get T Shirts

Entry Price: \$20 ticket in advance and \$25 for same date purchase

Looking for sponsors

Company assisting is "Last Mile Racing Company" – Rep. is Charlie Obrias

This company charge is \$500 initial fee plus \$1.50 per racer – pre-registered and \$2.00 per racer on day of the race.

We need 29 people to break even. The fee includes advertisement. Chips will be provided for each racer. We will need 10-15 volunteers for registering, water station for handing out food and water. Eric had a suggested flyer attached to this information; we agreed that although good it needed some "livening up" It is possible that we will be getting 50-60 runners and we talked about having a children's mile race before the longer race. (same day) to begin at 9:00 A.M. Sherry was interested in handling this.

We will discuss this event with the Ashford Park Home Owners Association.

Motion: Dan made a motion to approve this event pending Owners Association and 1st Selectman Mike Zambo. Kim seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Old Business

- **Basketball Financials 13/14**

- *\$5,965.00 – Income 4,996.00 – Expenses \$1,886.00 - Profit*

(May still be charged for janitorial fees for Saturdays if so that will eat up the profit.) Sherry will attend a meeting on 4/28 to see about changing leagues, cur Eastern League is too competitive for us; we need a more recreational venue.

- **Tiny Tumblers**

- *\$655.00 – Income \$245.00 – Expenses \$410.00 – Profit*

- **Gymnastics – 20 children**

- *\$912 –Income, \$205.00 – Expenses \$707.00 – Profit*

We would like to expand our gymnastics program into the summer and hiring another instructor would be good

Equipment discussion: Equipment is difficult to get to – possible to leave equipment out for the week for gymnastics camp or our girl power fitness camp for the summer.

Parks Maintenance

- **Ashford Memorial Park Opening Monday** – garbage picked up. Picnic tables need to be repaired (see below)
- **Parks Inspections done – maintenance needed** – Sherry to have list for Pompey Hollow Park for the next meeting
- **CT Portables contract renewed** – We'll call this week
- **Basketball Court resurfacing** – Lines look good done by our road crew last fall

Joe Kalinowski asked about getting the following money allocated:

\$1000 Fertilizer – \$300 seed, \$400 stone dust for both parks

Total Approved for \$2000

Motion made to approve: Kim made motion for the purchase and Dan Seconded. We will need receipts for this purchase. All in favor. Motion passed.

Park Picnic tables

We would like to hire Wayne Pekarovic to do the park/picnic table by making template of the pieces so that we have a few on hand (10) for easy replacement when needed. Dan suggested that this may not work because the parts may not fit. Dan suggested going to a local lumber to get the wood cut spruce, hemlock and red pine. Discussion had. Wayne has the carpentry skills needed to fix the jagged edges. Sherry will ask Wayne to repair the picnic tables.

We will need to ask Joe about wood (up to 9-10 logs at \$1000)

Dan motioned to approve this and Kim seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Adjournment: *Kim made motion to adjourn at 9:15 and Sandra seconded. All in favor.*

Minutes taken by Sandra Moquin to be approved at next meeting (May 11th)

Submitted by Sandra Moquin

Secretary