Plaistow Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 10, 2016 6:30 pm Plaistow Town Hall

**Called to Order:** 6:30 pm

**In Attendance:** Bill Coye, Wendy Moley, Rick Marino, Kristin Savage, Patrick Buckley,

Kerry Patles, Christina Cruz, Recreation Director and Tammy Bergeron, Selectman Rep.

**Excused:** Sue Sherman, John Sherman, Peter Bracci, Leona Senter, Lisa Petry

Approval of June meeting minutes tabled due to scribe not present

**Directors Report**

***Summer Baseball Clinic***

Stephen Briens little league clinics were well attended and staffed by volunteers; worth repeating next season

***Fall Softball Update***

SNHSL is running recreational based Fall Ball program open to all Plaistow girls who played in the spring. Kerry Patles heading the program

***Summer Program Update***

 -excessive heat coupled with limited options for onsite water activities resulted in increased field trips to Sandlots/Candia Springs/movies

- Counselor pay rates are an area to be reviewed. MA minimum wage increase has raised starting pay scales for local businesses. Summer Recreation program may benefit from offering a comparable rate. Christina will be researching this.

- 8 week program made for a long summer. End of school year in 2017 will be evaluated; 7 weeks may be better.

- James Costa, Assistant Director will not be returning. His recommendations for successor have been submitted.

***Facilities***

-Ingalls/Smith Field request has been made to be added to agenda for BOS for additional playground equipment approval

- PARC Highway Dept. will be completing new swing area work soon. Concession stand doors & moldings are being looked at for painting. Christina will be speaking with Highway and Sean Fitzgerald RE: new well as current is not doing great.

- Community Garden parking lot was paved. Well ran dry but Fire Department worked with John Gifford to provide water.

Kristin shared discussion on social media RE: Ingalls playground cost circa 1997

Reference was made stating playground equipment that was just replaced cost the town 70K. This is, again incorrect information.
Original warrant article from 1997 was reviewed. Article states town used funds totaling $ 7, 500.00 for this equipment.

 *See “Article 6” on attachment to follow labeled “Warrant Article”*

Additionally, the 1997 Town Report was reviewed. Carlene Sarty, Director Parks & Recreation states in her department report that the playground equipment installed at Smith Field in June 1997 “was made possible with 50% town money and 50% fund raising”.

*See second paragraph on attachment to follow labeled “Town Report”*

***Strategic Plan***

-Seal Coating @ Ingalls quote rec’d from New England Sealcoat $ 26,050.00

Quote requested from City Seal Coat. Dennis Marcotte has not contacted Rec Dept. for quote info.

-Wendy recommends planting trees along back side of fenced in area currently housing Skate Park at Smith Field in an effort to buffer noise; be a good neighbor

***Skate Park***

Christina met with Tracy Fuller, YMCA Reg. Executive Director RE: relocation to Y

YMCA will take responsibility of staffing & supervision

All Plaistow residents will have access to skate park

Rec Dept. has 10K in CIP for relocation; YMCA would need assistance with move

Tracy will speak w/ her CEO & insurance RE: next steps

John Gifford of Terra Farms/Community Garden contacted Christina RE: skate park being moved to Community Garden area. This is not accurate. John was reassured this is incorrect information.

***Dog Park***

Rick states Dana Post, owner State Line Pet Supply has 6.85 acres of land at business location of 137 Plaistow Road.

Dana is willing to work with the town to place Dog Park on that property.

Commission feels location is centrally located with ample parking; ideal option.

Christina and Rick will schedule a walkthrough of the property and meeting with Dana to discuss in detail.

***Recreation Priorities/Budgetary Items***

Christina and Bill will be signing priorities document. Available from Rec Dept. for review.

Recreation Budget work begins; please contact Christina to discuss new items if necessary

***Open/New Business***

Brief discussion ensues regarding misinformation/social media. Commission encourages public to attend meetings and/or contact Christina Cruz, Recreation Director for information.

Christina has received 2 emails RE: Commission appointment requests

Both interested parties were instructed to attend meetings as required for membership per bylaws. Available on town website for reference

<http://www.plaistow.com/sites/plaistownh/files/uploads/recreationcommissionbylawsnew.pdf>

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 14, 2016 6:30 pm Plaistow Town Hall, 2nd floor

Adjourned: 7:27 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry Patles



