

## Approved

### PARK DEPT. MINUTES

3/11/09

Attendees: Don Black, David Howes, Don Billingsley, Jon Straus, Jeff Ohringer

Guests: John Kelley

Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

Bills paid:

#### GELD

BBall Court	\$ 6.75
5 Commons	\$ 32.50
Stonebridge Field	\$ 6.75
Cutler	\$ 6.75
Wheeler Park	\$ 6.75
CowPond (parking lot)	\$ 12.00
CowPond (soccer)	\$ 6.75
Sawyer Common	\$ 6.50

Verizon Bill	\$ 8.60
Palos Sports, Inc	\$210.28
Palos Sports, Inc	\$137.77
Tomark Sports	\$1169.99
Karen Tuomi	10 hours

Minutes from February 11<sup>th</sup> were read and approved unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

Application for the Town of Groton's Lecture Fund for the July Fireworks was approved. Request should be for \$6k. Motion made to make an application to the Lecture Fund for the use of Fireworks. Seconded and voted unanimously. Fire fighters will do the food service and Jane has entertainment

Fields walks will take place on March 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30pm starting at Cowpond.

John Kelley came to speak about the Smith Pavillion. John brought pictures showing the areas of damage around the Pavillion. John said that if the Park s supplied the materials he and a friend would do the work. Black made a motion to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500 for materials to be used for the repair of Pavillion. Motion made and seconded voted unanimously.

Mark Haddad has asked that we get 3 bids for the porta potties and also the fertilization.

Should we meet more often in the next two months? Dave said that we should keep it at a “as needed”. Jeff agreed with this.

**Field Use Requests:**

GDYSL Soccer, Cowpond I, II, Parctices Area CowPond III – April 1 – June 14 M-F 4-6pm Sat/Sun all day – approved unanimously

Soccer Training – Steve Naboicheck – April – August - Tues-Friday 5-6:30pm Cowpond Field – need more detail right now there is a conflict with GDYSL – Jeff will call him This is definitely a “for Profit” Jeff wanted to know how we were going to handle this. Black suggested that perhaps he make a donation to a local charity.

Bulldog Baseball Club – Cutler Field April – June Sat/Sun 8am – 6pm David asked if this is a for profit AAU – how many participants – how will he coordinate with Groton Youth Baseball – Howes will call Matt Aumais

For Profit organizations should be asked to donate 10% of their gross to either the PTYC or the CCF.

LAX will use the Florence Roche track. Karen will meet with Tim Madigan to discuss dates that are not available.

**Correspondence:**

**Old Business:**

We still need chains for new baseball seats at Cutler. Black spoke with Rick at Moison’s and he will do the best he can with the cost. Jon suggested that Black look at the chains over at the swings at Tarbell.

Flags on the Commons – Black was very frustrated over the issue of the flags so he withdrew the application and he would remove them after Flag Day. He received a letter stating that they could not remain until June 14<sup>th</sup>. He is willing to try again however he does not want to do it alone. If more people want to fight the issue he will help. Bob Johnson reported that the veterans are upset about this and they want to get involved. The HDC will treat each flagpole individually. Black would like Parks to make a decision as a Committee about this issue. Jeff made a motion that Parks renew the application for saving the flagpoles. David seconded. Bob Johnson will contact the veterans. Black said that we should contact all and any group that would react to this motion (Scouts, Minutemen, DARs). Jeff withdrew his motion until further research has been completed.

Lost lake BBcourt – need to have the snow gone to get the job started. Hopefully this will get started right after April meeting.

Hazel Grove – Conservation is going to be doing some logging down there and Barbara Gannon wants to know if we need any logging done at Hazel Grove. Black said that he will have more about this at our next meeting.

Presentation made to CPC for baseball field. Waiting to hear.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm**

Next meeting scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>.