

Amherst Leisure Services Commission Meeting Minutes  
July 23, 2009, 7:30 p.m.  
LSSE Conference Room, Bangs Community Center

Present: S. Ziomek, Chair, P. Blier, Vice Chair, M. Bell, J. Patulak, A. Torres-Neto,  
Guest: R. Bohonowicz, Amherst Town and School Director of Facilities

Call to Order: S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes: M. Bell moved that the minutes from June 2, 2009 be approved. P. Blier  
seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion with Ron Bohonowicz, Amherst Town and School Director of Facilities.

R. Bohonowicz updated the Commission on the new procedures for reserving space within the Schools. Forms will now be processed by R. Bohonowicz's office instead of the Central Office. Requests will be taken on line and with a recorded message except for the hours of 10- 2p.m. Transportation duties will be a priority at other times for this office staff.

R. Bohonowicz presented his justification for assessing the LSSE Prime Time After School Program \$5,400 for use of the space. All of the other nonprofit After School Programs will be charged this fee. (Note LSSE is part of Town/School Government, not a private not for profit organization.) R. Bohonowicz also clarified that the afterschool program could no longer use the Wildwood School Computer Room as there was a concern about potential damage to the hardware and software. Various questions and objections were raised regarding the proposed new fee.

M. Bell asked that the school policy involving LSSE and space issues be surfaced and reviewed at the next meeting.

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

S. Ziomek reported on the celebration plans including a military flyover that he is working on for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Parade. There are expected to be a 100 units represented on the September 27<sup>th</sup> parade date.

Kendrick Park Committee

P. Blier stated that the final Kendrick Park report was completed and had been handed to the Town. Recommendations for application and use of the park are now being developed. The Town Manager would like the final Kendrick Park report presented to the Select Board.

Liaison for Puffers Pond Committee Request

S. Ziomek asked J. Patulak to represent the LSSE Commission on this committee.

Letter of Support for Parc Grant, Hills Property

This item was tabled.

Community Development Block Grant Hearing Update

L. Chalfant discussed the July 21st block grant hearing and the likelihood that LSSE would receive \$30,000 in grant funds to put toward fee subsidies for low income families. There will be a need for

LSSE to spend \$80,000 in fee subsidy prior to accessing the \$30,000 in grant funding. A copy of the grant proposal submitted was provided.

#### Handicap Accessibility

The need for a handicap accessible curb cut was brought up at the meeting. It is believed that the Town may be able to request the curb cut from the state.

#### Smoking at Recreation Areas

L. Chalfant reported that the Board of Health will be taking up the issue of smoking in outdoor spaces on either August 27 or October.

#### Dog Problems at Recreation and parks Areas

Nothing further was reported

#### Director's Report

L. Chalfant provided a handout which highlighted the staff, program and facilities activity for the Department. Items reported included summer program enrollment, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Cherry Hill Report, end of year financial status, Town Fundraising Committee idea, LSSE Staff, Plum Brook Recreation Area, Bangs Center Roof, Community Field Restrooms. A report was also provided in the meeting mailing which detailed the Cherry Hill Golf Course activity.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

New

#### Adjournment

J. Patulak moved and M. Bell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.