

Amherst Leisure Services commission Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Amherst Regional Middle School Library

Present: S. Ziomek, Chair, M. Bell, J. Patulak, A. Torres-Neto
Absent: P. Blier
Guest: Alyssa Brewer, Select Board Liaison

Call to Order: S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes: Approval of the minutes was tabled until the following meeting

Subcommittee Reports

250th Anniversary Committee- S. Ziomek announced that final preparations were being handled for the upcoming 250th Parade. A commemorative Gala is being planned for December. Sales of the 250th Benefit t-shirts – “Where Only the H is Silent” were reported to be strong.

Community Preservation Committee, CPAC- S. Ziomek reported that a CPAC meeting was scheduled for September 17th and an indication would be provided of available funds at that time.

Discussion of Priority of Field Usage- L. Chalfant explained the practice that was currently being used to set priorities for field usage and provided a handout that outlined the practice between LSSE, the Schools, and all other groups.

Discussion of Facility Charges- L. Chalfant described the practice of charging fees for facility usage and the justification for the charges.

Spray Pool-Conceptual Work - The Commission received several handouts about a possible future spray pool which the Town Manager had asked be distributed. The Town Manager has asked The Berkshire Design Group to create a schematic design and a cost estimate for an Amherst spray pool. J. Patulak moved that we study and identify the costs of repairs to reopen the War Memorial Pool. A. Torres-Neto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Aquatics Program Review- This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Director’s Report- L. Chalfant provided a report that updated the Commission on staff and program highlights including: grants, budget recaps, fall programs, future fundraisers, outreach and capital projects. Two months of reports were provided detailing activity at the Cherry Hill Golf Course.

Old Business- Curb cut at the Mill River Recreation Area was discussed. A. Brewer suggested that a letter from the Commission to the Select Board would be helpful. The letter should state why the Mill River Recreation Area is important and why the curb cut is necessary.

New Business- None

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.