

**Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes  
October 13, 2009, 7:30 p.m., Amherst Regional Middle School Library**

**Present:** S. Ziomek, Chair, P. Blier, Vice Chair, M. Bell, J. Patulak, A. Torres-Neto

**Call to Order:** S. Ziomek called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** J. Patulak moved and M. Bell seconded that the minutes of September 8 and July 23<sup>rd</sup> be approved. The vote was unanimous.

**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:** S. Ziomek reported on the successful outcome of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade. Fortunately, the weather improved just as the parade began. The weather, however, did deter the Budweiser Clydesdale Horses and the planned military flyover from occurring.

**Community Preservation Committee:** S. Ziomek reported that the Community Preservation Committee would be holding the October meeting and reviewing project requests.

**Kendrick Park Committee:** P. Blier reported that Kendrick Park Committee Chair P. Roberts and Subcommittee Chairs provided a presentation to the Select Board on the final Kendrick Park report. P. Blier volunteered to provide a copy of the report at a future meeting.

**Puffers Pond Committee:** J. Patulak reported on the last two Puffers Pond meetings, one of which included a tour of the entire area. The committee has broken into subcommittees and will consider problems and solutions related to erosion, parking, etc. Two town-wide meetings will be set up to gather information and a survey was recently conducted to consider fees.

**Aquatics Program Discussion and Review:**

**Outdoor Pools-**The Commission reviewed an Outdoor Pools Usage Comparison Report between FY 09 and FY 10. Additional information will be provided regarding the comparative dates of the seasons, membership fees, an understanding of day camp involvement.

**Middle School Pool-** A budget and plan for a winter/spring swimming lesson program was available. The University of Massachusetts Totman Swimming Pool will be used instead of the Middle School Pool because of significant cost savings of \$2,500 versus \$20,000.

**Cherry Hill Report:** A monthly update was provided showing outreach, marketing, grant activity and clubhouse and general improvements. The Commission wishes to schedule a future joint meeting with the Cherry Hill Advisory Group. Fees will be reviewed during the FY 11 budget process.

**Plum Brook Recreation Area:** The opening and management of this facility has been effective. Games and overall usage were scheduled to appropriately manage the parking and traffic flow. No significant issues have come forward.

**Director's Report:** L. Chalfant provided a handout which highlighted the staff, program and facilities activity for the Department. Items reported included fall program enrollment, fundraising, outreach special events, staff changes, and facilities and capital program plans. The Director discussed a proposal to skin the softball field at the Community Field. Commissioners requested a meeting with the proposal group to hear specifics and make a recommendation on the plan.

**Next Meeting:** J. Patulak moved that the Commission meet on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. M. Bell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Adjournment:** M. Bell moved to adjourn the meeting and P. Blier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.