

**Amherst Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Commission Minutes
Wednesday, July 18, 2012
7:30 p.m. Community Room, Police Station**

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Alan Bonneau, Jon Foster, Peter Blier, AB Winograd, Linda Chalfant, LSSE Director

Absent: Maryanna Whittemore

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

Minutes

There were no minutes available to approve, therefore this item was tabled.

War Memorial Pool Rededication Status

In M. Whittemore's absence, L. Chalfant reported on the possible changes to the earlier plans to rededicate the pool. L. Chalfant provided a handout flier that was being distributed to raise awareness of the new pool rededication date, Saturday, July 21st at 10 a.m. A copy of a press release was also submitted at the meeting. Plans for the celebration included: remarks by the Town Manager, the Select Board Chair and the LSSE Commission Chair. A ribbon cutting ceremony, commemorative pool souvenirs, a judged cannonball contest and aquatics staff led games and relays. L. Chalfant also anticipated that a color guard might be available.

Lacrosse Tournament

S. Ziomek questioned the benefit of hosting a lacrosse tournament at the High School Field. L. Chalfant explained the tournament was a combined once a year effort between the School Maintenance Office and the LSSE Department. This was the second year the tournament had been held at this site and no complaints had been lodged by neighbors or businesses. LSSE and the tournament organizers provided staff to assist with parking.

Mill River Pool Update- Financial and Operational

L. Chalfant provided a handout indicating the War Memorial and Mill River Pool attendance figures for the previous week. The combined weekly totals for both pools equaled 1,274.

Maintenance of Recreation Fields Report and Plans for Repair

The Commission discussed J. Patulak's report of the field conditions and asked when needed repairs would be occurring. L. Chalfant reported that the Plum Brook Recreation Area would be closed from August 10- September 7 so that the DPW could reseed the area. Half of the area would be opened after September 7.

Peddler's and Sign

L. Chalfant reported she was in contact with the Town Manager's Office about restrictions on peddler's on Town land. The Town Manager is in charge of Town land. She also reported a sign meeting was being held with Town staff to consider different types of needed signs. The meeting was planned for August 2nd.

Youth Sports Program Participation

L. Chalfant provided a handout showing the enrollment status of summer sports camps. She also provided a handout that bulleted the changes and enrollment shifts of spring sports

program in 2012.

PARC Grant for North Amherst Common, Vote

Bonneau moved and P. Blier seconded a motion to support the PARC Grant for the improvements and modernization of the North Common. The vote was unanimous.

Director's Report

Handout not available. L. Chalfant provided a summary of work that LSSE staff had completed during the busy summer months of June and July.

Next Meeting, Agenda Items and Adjournment

The next Commission meeting date was set for August 8th. Additional agenda items proposed included : ways to get more kids involved in activities and sports and the need for a 12 month calendar of topics.

Approved