

## Longmeadow Parks and Recreation Department



Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners: Monday, January 8, 2007  
7:00 p.m. Longmeadow Community House, Rear Auditorium  
735 Longmeadow Street Longmeadow, Massachusetts

Present: Chairman Tobin, Vice Chair Threlfall, Commissioners Russell, and Brennan,  
Interim Director Thomas and High School Liaison Elise Balaban

- I. A motion was made by Vice Chair Threlfall to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2006 Special Meeting of the Basketball Sub-committee. All in Favor. A motion was made by Commissioner Brennan to accept the minutes of the December meeting as amended. All in favor.
- II. Public in attendance for the Public Participation agenda item were: John Dowd, Gary Weiner and Pete Kearing. They addressed the Board on issues regarding the mandatory Auxiliary Insurance required for the sports associations to carry. It was recommended by the Board members that the associations form an alliance and present their concerns to the Select Board and Town Manager. Chair Tobin asked Interim Director Thomas to assist.
- III. A) A motion was made by Commissioner Brennan to accept the December Financials; Vice Chair Threlfall seconded the motion. Interim Director Thomas explained the Extended Care expenses and revenue.  
  
B) Interim Director Thomas gave an update on the FY 08 budget that she will be meeting with the Town Manager Robin Crosbie to review. There will be a presentation by Interim Director Thomas to the Board in February, highlighting the FY 08 budget.  
  
C) Interim Director Thomas discussed the Field Maintenance Budget Proposal. She reported that there is a three phase plan. It was recommended by Chair Tobin that Interim Director Thomas speak with the head of each sport association to meet and discuss their concerns regarding maintenance of facilities.
- IV. Vice Chair Threlfall gave the Board a youth basketball update. The exit surveys for participants and coaches were discussed. The option of fundraising was brought up, as well as a banquet. Chair Tobin asked Vice Chair Threlfall and Commissioner Brennan to look into the cost of medals or trophies for the participants.
- V. A) Commissioner Brennan discussed Fundraising. Interim Director and Commissioner Brennan will meet to discuss fundraising in depth. Chair Tobin suggested options that let the Town know that the Board is giving back to them and possibly showing the associations monetary support.  
  
B) Interim Director Thomas reported on Adopt a Park/Island. She reported that our current plan is not cost-effective. Other towns have DPW to produce the signage. Chair Tobin declared the policy will be visited at a later time.  
  
C) Interim Director Thomas reported on Capital Planning. She reported that she spoke with Mark Gold regarding the SandPro machine. It was recommended by the DPW that the LBA, Little League and Softball Association contribute to the cost of the machine and the balance will be paid through Capital funds.
- VI. High school Liaison Elise Balaban reported the concern of Mrs. Brown from the high school; she is looking for an exercise system to be implemented in the parks. Interim Director will speak with colleagues at the MRPA meeting to find out more information and report back in February.  
High School Liaison Balaban reported that the idea of a tug of war between the Police Department and Fire Department at Longmeadow Days was thought to be a good idea by

her peers at school. Chair Tobin offered to speak with the Chiefs from each Department to ask their view on the idea.

Commissioner Brennan made a motion to adjourn. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm  
Respectively submitted by Cristina Alexopoulos, Recorder