



Regular Meeting of the Longmeadow Board of Park Commissioners
Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7 p.m.
Longmeadow Fire Station Meeting Room
44 Williams Street
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Present: Vice Chairwoman Judi Threlfall, Commissioner Jim Goodhines, Commissioner Jim Brennan, Commissioner Jim Russell, Student Liaison Elise Balaban, Director Bari Thomas and Assistant Director Mary Hannigan

I. Minutes of January Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes from the January Meeting was made by Commissioner Brennan and seconded by Commissioner Russell. Minutes approved.

Minutes of the January Executive Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of the January Executive Session was made by Commissioner Brennan and seconded by Commissioner Russell. Minutes approved.

II. Public Participation - No Report

III. Financial Statements and Revenue

The January financials were reviewed by the Park Board. Director Bari Thomas condensed the Park Division financials to reflect the accounts that are relative to LPRD. Director Bari Thomas reported that several parents who have children enrolled in the Dance Program have been put on a payment plan so that balances will reflect additional income for the month of February. Motion to approve the January Financials was made by Commissioner Brennan and seconded by Commissioner Goodhines. Motion to accept financials passed.

IV. Community Preservation Committee - Director Bari Thomas updated the Park Board concerning the Community Preservation Funding. To date there has not been a final decision as to what projects will continue to be considered by the Community Preservation Committee. Several projects including the Splash Pad, Turner Park Master Plan and the Synthetic Turf projects are questionable because of guidelines that are not specific enough on the state level. The projects that have a very good chance of getting funded this year are the COA Patio area and the game tables at Greenwood Park.

V. FY09 Budget Presentation

Recreation Director Bari Thomas reported that the staff had come up with FY08 measurable activities and based upon those activities planned activities for FY09. Director Thomas also reported that the Town Manager has indicated that she would like to see a \$3 per person fee from each one of the Sport Organizations come back to the Town of Longmeadow. Discussion between the Town Manager and the Director is on-going as to where the money should go so as to benefit fields or equipment, etc. Park Board Members Jim Brennan, Jim Russell and Vice Chairperson Judi Threlfall are on record as being opposed to the additional \$3 per person fee to participate in youth sports.

Director Bari Thomas reported that she has been in discussion with the Longmeadow Police Department and Longmeadow Fire Department about extending the time the tennis court lights are on during the spring, summer and fall for security purposes. Further information will be presented at future meetings.

VI. New Business

Cliff Zundell Award - Director Bari Thomas along with members of the Park Board would like to present Brian Trelease with the Cliff Zundell award for his many years of service to the Longmeadow Parks & Recreation Department. Chairperson Kate Tobin will present the award at the Annual Town Meeting in the spring.

VII. New Business

- a. Pancake Breakfast-Parks & Recreation Director Bari Thomas reported that the Longmeadow Rotary and Parks & Recreation would again be working together on the May 17 event which is scheduled to run from 7am-10am at the Community House. Advance tickets will be on sale soon for \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, 6 and under. Tickets will be available at the door the day of the event for the price of \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Commissioner Brennan volunteered to help with the food.
- b. Concession Stands-Discussion centered around the various sports associations taking over responsibility for operating the stands at the parks. Director Bari Thomas is currently working with the various sports associations to see if interest exists.

VIII. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Brennan and seconded by Commissioner Goodhines at 8:47 pm. There will be a picture taken of the Park Board at the March Meeting to update the department's website.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Hannigan



Longmeadow Park Board
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