

Longmeadow Parks and Recreation Department



Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners: Monday, March, 19, 2007
7:00 p.m. Longmeadow Fire Station, Meeting Room
735 Longmeadow Street Longmeadow, Massachusetts

Present: Chairwoman Tobin, Vice-Chair Threlfall, Commissioner Brennan, Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Appleman, High School Liaison Elise Balaban, Director Thomas, Recreation Coordinator Alexopoulos and Longmeadow Parks and Recreation Intern Laura Morabito

- I. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Threlfall to accept the minutes of the February meeting as amended, Commissioner Brennan seconds the motion. All in Favor.
- II. No one was present from the public.
- III. A motion was made by Commissioner Russell to accept the February Financials. Commissioner Brennan seconded the motion. Director Thomas discussed Salary paybacks that have occurred. The FY07 fund balance was discussed. Commissioner Appleman made a motion to approve the sum of \$50,000 out of revolving fund monies to be used for the installment of irrigation of Turner Park by late summer 2007, Commissioner Brennan seconds the motion. All in favor.
- IV. Vice-Chair Threlfall gave an update on Youth Basketball. The circulation of letters regarding third and fourth grade tournaments were discussed, as well as fees and charges for gym time. Evaluations were also touched on.
- V. Youth Liaison Balaban discussed the fund raising tug of war between the Longmeadow Police and Fire Department. The tug of war will be held on either the 19th or 20th of May. She requested the supplies of a bull horn and tug of war rope, both of which the Department can supply. She discussed that the BPA club will be involved in the event as well as the business class at the High School, LCTV and the Jet Jotter. She discussed selling T-shirts and donation options. Youth Liaison Balaban also voiced a concern about flooding at Bliss Park.
- VI. The Strategic Master Plan was discussed. Everyone received updated packets on the plan. Chairwoman Tobin will research on her own the groups that will be targeted, and times and groups will be selected at the April meeting. Director Thomas will look into the PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission).
- VII. Director Thomas gave an update on the pancake breakfast. She reported that Commissioner Brennan got the majority of the supplies needed for the event donated. Solicitation packets have been sent out. The girl scouts are on board with the event and will receive 40% of the door monies. The Rotary Club will also be on board, and would like to work hands on at the event.

Director Thomas discussed the Cliff Zundell Award for volunteer of the year. Commissioner Appleman made a motion to accept the nomination of Mike Fioretti for the Cliff Zundell Award, Vice-Chair Threlfall seconds the motion. All in Favor.

Commissioner Brennan gave an update on the Sports Council Meeting from last week, reporting that they are getting closer.

Director Thomas reported that there is a group of residents that would like to make changes to the 4 islands on Englewood. This will require minimal town input, of some removal and mulching.

Vice-Chair Threlfall reported that she will be meeting at Bay Path on Thursday, March 22nd, regarding grant writing. She asked if there were any specific grants the board would like her to look into; event grants, water front grants and park land grants were suggested.

Commissioner Appleman submitted his letter of resignation from serving fifteen years on the Park Board. He will stay on board until there is a replacement.

Commissioner Russell made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Threlfall seconded that motion. All in Favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm
Respectively submitted by Cristina Alexopoulos, Recorder