

# Longmeadow Parks and Recreation Department



Regular Meeting of The Board of Park Commissioners: Monday, May 8, 2006  
7:00 p.m. Longmeadow Fire Station, Meeting Room  
44 Williams Street Longmeadow, Massachusetts

Present: Chairman Mazur, Vice Chair Threlfall, Commissioners Appleman, Russell and Tobin,  
Director McCarty and Assistant Director Thomas

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Tobin to accept the minutes of the April meeting. Vice Chair Threlfall seconded the motion. The minutes of the April meeting were accepted unanimously and placed on file.
- II. No public were in attendance for the Public Participation agenda item.
- III. A motion was made by Vice Chair Threlfall to accept the April financials. Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion. The April financials were accepted unanimously and placed on file.
- IV. Director McCarty reported on the progress of the target surveys. Drafts of both senior and middle school surveys were distributed and any feedback can be e-mailed to the Department by Friday, 5/12.

Commissioner Russell reported that the all information was received and sorted for the years 1970-2000 and one-two more articles will be published.

Vice Chair Threlfall and Commissioner Tobin reported on their recent meeting with the public to discuss benchmarking. The group was charged with touring the parks and making observations on possible enhancements. An inventory list is needed to further this project. Director McCarty will provide the inventory to Commissioner Tobin this week.

- V. Director McCarty informed the Board that the Sport Association Manual, presenting all the policies and procedures, was distributed to all associations recently.
- VI. Director McCarty informed the Board that many completed nomination forms have been returned to the office and Commissioner Yesu will come forward with a list of recommended board members at the June Park Board meeting.
- VII. Commissioner Appleman provided information on the progress of the Community Preservation Act. A political action campaign has been launched and the group is currently developing a distribution plan to dispense information to residents.

Commissioner Russell expressed concern regarding tree branches at Strople and DiPippo fields. Director McCarty explained that all priority-1 tress were removed last year. Commissioner Russell wishes to thank all the staff involved with the fishing derby, which was a great success. Commissioner Russell also expressed his gratitude to Vice Chair Threlfall who recently spoke at Molly's Gift re-dedication.

- VIII. Both Chairman Mazur's and Vice Chair Threlfall's terms as Commissioners will expire this June and both are not interested in 3-year terms. Both will request partial terms form the Select Board in an effort to see through the Strategic Master Plan process.

Director McCarty informed the Board that Tent City will be held next week and the location has shifted west on Wolf Swamp field. A letter went out to all abutters to explain this change. He also asked the Board to please attend the upcoming Twin Hills forum on behalf of the Park Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28p.m.

Respectively submitted by Bari Thomas, Recorder