



Regular Meeting of the Longmeadow Board of Park Commissioners
Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7 p.m.
Longmeadow Fire Station Meeting Room
735 Longmeadow Street - Longmeadow, MA 01106

Present: Chairwoman Tobin, Vice Chairwoman Threlfall, Commissioner Appleman, Commissioner Russell, High School Liaison Elise Balaban, Director Thomas, Asst. Director Hannigan and Arlene Miller of 68 East Greenwich Road in Longmeadow.

I. Minutes of April Meeting

A motion was made Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Appleman to accept the minutes from the April 9, 2007 meeting. All in favor.

II. Public Participation

Arlene Miller addressed the Commission on the need for a comprehensive plan for the Town to address the issues of recycling yard waste and the need for the community to take a proactive role in determining what the community can do with compost from yard waste and vegetative debris. Ms. Miller is looking for someone from the Park Board to be a member of a Longmeadow Recycling Commission that will be put in place this spring and meet through the fall. Chairwoman Tobin will discuss this request with the Park Board and get back to Ms. Miller with the name of a member of the Park Board who will participate on this committee.

III. Financial Statements and Reports

April financial documents were presented by Director Bari Thomas. Discussion followed concerning a comparison of the same time last year to this year. Motion to accept the April Financial Report made by Vice Chairwoman Threlfall and seconded by Commissioner Russell. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Capital Request Update

Director Bari Thomas reported that bids had gone out for re-surfacing Greenwood Pool and that the deadline for submission was within 2 weeks of distribution of the bids. The possibility of postponing opening day at Greenwood was briefly discussed.

IV. Youth Basketball Update

Director Bari Thomas presented the end of the season report on youth basketball. Director Bari Thomas will be sending a copy of the Sports Procedure Manual to the coaches in the league.

V. Youth Liaison Report

Elise Balaban reported that the fundraising for the Relay for a Better Chance to support the ABC House of Longmeadow was moving ahead. Among the events planned will be a tug-of-war, water balloon competition and hula hoop events.

VI. Strategic Master Plan Update - No Report

VII. Pancake Breakfast

Director Bari Thomas reported that due to the lack of power in the Community House that all cooking will be done in the rear of the Community House with propane griddles. Placements are completed and money is coming in for the tickets and the raffle. Representative Mary Rogeness will be at the Community House between 10-11 a.m. for acknowledgement of the grant in the amount of \$100,000 to be used toward roof repairs and other restoration to the Community House.

Sports Council Mandate Proposal

Director Bari Thomas reported that she is in the process of setting up a Sports Council and that a member from each organization within Town will be required to have one member sit on this council. New guidelines are in place with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and this would be a good way to distribute the information to those running the leagues and the parents.

Updated Discount Policy

Director Bari Thomas discussed changes in the employee discount policy currently in effect and proposed new changes.

VIII. *Adjournment*

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Appleman made a motion that was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Threlfal.

Respectfully submitted
Mary T. Hannigan