

Longmeadow Parks and Recreation Department



Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners: Monday, July 10, 2006
7:00 p.m. Longmeadow Fire Station, Meeting Room
44 Williams Street Longmeadow, Massachusetts

Present: Chairman Mazur, Vice Chairwoman Threlfall, Commissioners Tobin and Russell Alternate Commissioner Yesu, Director McCarty and Assistant Director Thomas

- I. A motion was made by Vice Chair Threlfall to accept the minutes of the June meeting as amended. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion. The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as amended, unanimously, and placed on file.
- II. No public were in attendance for the Public Participation agenda item.
- III. Director McCarty informed the Board of the reserve fund request to cover the overages. Chairman Mazur extended congratulations to Director McCarty and his staff for a successful fiscal year. A motion was made by Commissioner Russell to accept the June financials. Vice Chair Threlfall seconded the motion. The June financials were accepted unanimously and placed on file.
- IV. Director McCarty reported that the middle school survey results have been tabulated and cross tabs are currently being done. Commissioner Russell reported that he, Commissioner Appleman and Director McCarty are visiting the Olmsted Library tomorrow to gain historical information. Longmeadow News will continue to feature the succession of articles Commissioners Tobin and Russell have created. Vice Chair Threlfall reported that she is having difficulty with the Active Parks website and, therefore, her benchmarking efforts are stalled, temporarily.
- V. Commissioner Yesu made a motion, based on the basketball subcommittee recommendation, for the Park Board to accept the following 9-member board and six associate Board members for the Longmeadow Youth Basketball Association Board. The following 9 members will have voting rights: Deane Yesu, Deb Garrity, Chris Martin, Vanessa Redke-Yam, Pat Donnelly, Chris Sycourka, Laurie Philbin, Steven Dudek and Denine Northrup. The following associate members will not have voting rights: Chris Brown, Victor Oujjian, Scott Rome, Anthony Santinello and John Valencia. Vice Chair Threlfall second the motion. Discussion: Commissioner Yesu stated that he misrepresented the Basketball Board's proposal by including Tim Mulcahy at the June Park Board meeting. Mr. Mulcahy should be removed from consideration based on the original basketball subcommittee recommendation. Vote:

Threlfall: Aye Russell: Aye Mazur: Aye
- VI. Director McCarty gave an overview of the highlights that occurred at the Wilson Boundless Playground ceremony. Chairman Mazur informed the Board that he will submit a letter of resignation in August.
- VII. Assistant Director Thomas gave a report on summer programs, events and activities. Director McCarty informed the Board of Town Manager Crosbie's initial decision to terminate Town sponsorship of Tent City, based on the events that occurred during the 2006 event. Town Manager Crosbie submitted subsequent correspondence to Director McCarty indicating that the future Tent City is not terminal.

Chairman Mazur stated that he would like to further investigate the possibility of inviting a high school student to be a liaison to the Park Board. Assistant Director Thomas will contact Principal Berte to discuss the possibility.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm
Respectively submitted by Bari Thomas, Recorder