

New Shoreham Recreation Board
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Road
8:15 a.m.

Present: Chair John Cullen, Members Ann Hall, Sarah Sue Cook and Alternate Member Christopher Willi. **Absent:** Tim Clark, Gail Heinz and Alternate Paul Henshaw. Also present were Recreation Director Robert Closter and for the recording of minutes, Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes.

Chair John Cullen called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approve minutes of February 12, 2013

A motion was made by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Cullen to approve the minutes of February 12, 2013. The motion carried.

4 Ayes (Cullen, Hall, Cook, Willi) 0 Nays 3 Absent (Heinz, Henshaw, Clark)

Correspondence

Recreation Director Closter presented his memo to the Town Manager and Finance Director regarding the budget proposal for FY'14.

Old Business

FY '14 Budget

Mr. Closter reported that he included in the full time recreation assistant budget scenario, an increase of revenue of \$25,000 (from additional races). Discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget. Mr. Willi noted that the Recreation Department put forward a very responsible budget regarding revenues vs. expenses.

Following discussion, Ms. Hall moved to have the Clerk send a request to the Town Manager and the Finance Director asking that in the operating budget document, each department's total income be included on the bottom of each department's expense page. Ms. Cook seconded the motion and it carried.

4 Ayes (Cullen, Hall, Cook, Willi) 0 Nays 3 Absent (Heinz, Henshaw, Clark)

Review and accept: Letter regarding Heinz Field

A letter to the Town Council, drafted by Mr. Willi, regarding the budget for maintenance of Heinz Field was reviewed and changes were made. Mr. Willi asked that Rec. Director Closter itemize a list of events that take place at Heinz Field throughout the year.

Mr. Willi moved to adopt the letter with changes, regarding the budget for maintenance of Heinz Field and send it to the Town Council. Ms. Hall seconded and the motion carried.

4 Ayes (Cullen, Hall, Cook, Willi) 0 Nays 3 Absent (Heinz, Henshaw, Clark)

Ball O'Brien Park

Mr. Closter explained that four bids were received for work at the Ball O'Brien Park: two for the picnic structure; and two for the bathrooms. The picnic structure bids were around \$60,000 and within budget. The bathroom bids were \$168,000 and \$149,000, well above the \$60,000 budget. He noted that the bid for the site work would go out by the end of the month.

New Business

Adult Programming

Chris Warfel was present. Mr. Closter noted that a letter was received from Mr. Warfel inquiring why the adult programming has been limited and requesting that additional programs be added. Mr. Closter explained that the adult programming has dwindled due to dwindling interest, changing demographics and the difficulty in schedule availability at the gym. He noted that he schedules and increases programs based upon interest. Mr. Warfel suggested shifting the gym schedule to allow the community and the taxpayers to use it. He offered to work with Mr. Closter to explore expanded adult programming and scheduling such.

Recreational Facilities

Ms. Cook left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of a fitness center and why hotels cannot have them.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Willi made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall and passed unanimously.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: September 17, 2013