

N. Smithfield Parks & Rec Commission

Meeting Minutes 3/29/10

Members present: Phil Paul, Marc Gagnon, Wayne Narodowy, Rob Chiccarelli, Joe Kozlik, Brian Barry and Ray Pendergast

Members Absent: Donna Caswell

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 pm

Meeting Discussions:

Minutes from Meeting of 2/23/2010. Motioned by Rob Chiccarelli, seconded by Phil Paul, Approved.

Old Business:

Rec Basketball: Program successfully completed season. No issues.

NSES Concession Stand: Ray Pendergast reported that he anticipates an RFP to do the work to go out in the near future with work hopefully to begin in June.

Easter Egg Hunt: Donations and town funds were not available to hold the annual Egg Hunt. Discussion was held that perhaps the P.T.O. had some early interest in looking at supporting a hunt next year for the very young kids.

Pacheco Park: Ray Pendergast distributed pictures of the damage that has occurred at the skateboard park, in particular the fence surrounding the park. He noted that the Inter-local Trust has warned about the removal of Town liability insurance protection coverage if repairs are not made to the fence surrounding the skateboard park. There are no funds available to continue to repair the fence. It was also noted that a couple of ramp pieces in the park are in need of repair.

The commission members are interested in providing this type of recreational facility but are concerned about the liability insurance coverage and still interested in determining if there is a better location that could provide more over-sight in the Town.

New Business:

Concert on the Common: Ray Pendergast reported that there is discussion that the Prevention Task Force is looking into taking over funding for this summer.

Field Review: Discussion was held concerning field review. It was agreed that the May meeting would be devoted to touring both Kendall-Dean and Pacheco.

Skateboard Park: Following up on the discussion under old business. Additional discussion was held concerning next steps, suggestions for the skateboard park. A motion was made by Phil Paul, seconded by Brian Barry that the commission recommend to the Town Council that the skateboard park should be temporarily closed and re-evaluate its location to a spot that would provide better monitoring. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm