

North Smithfield

Parks & Recreation Commission

N. Smithfield DPW Garage 6:30 pm

281 Quaker Highway

Minutes – April 25, 2011

1) Call to Order at 6:38 PM - Roll Call

a) Present – Brian Barry, Bob Cesario, Tony Deller, Peter Dowling, Phil Paul & Ted Soly.

Ex officio, Ray Pendergast

b) Absent – Wayne Narodowy

2) Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2011 Meeting

Motion made and seconded, motion approved.

3) Old Business

a) NSES building – bathrooms are open for business. Only concern is lack of water pressure from inadequate main for toilets. Holding tank installed, may supplement with pump. Funds should be available for reseeding septic area and install steps from parking lot.

b) Easter Egg Hunt – estimated 250 children, 350-400 people total. Thanks to Kaitlyn Paul (Easter Bunny) and Rebecca Paul (assistant) for volunteering. Ideas discussed for improving next year's event depending on funds availability.

c) Skate Park – further discussion held until after the annual budget cycle, June 2011 meeting.

4) New Business

a) Camp Phoenix – starts week after the end of school at NSES.

Program to be consistent with prior years.

b) Field walk – to be held in lieu of next month’s meeting. Meet at Kendall Dean at 6:30 PM. Walk to include potential walking path discussed below.

c) Walking path – Bob Cesario brought up the idea of a walking path around Pacheco Park. Ray mentioned the original expansion plans included a walking path. Discussion ensued about process, funding, etc. First step is to approach the NS Planning Department.

d) Spring sports –

NSLL underway, official opening day Saturday, April 30th. NSLL purchased infield mix to use at Pacheco.

Men’s softball starts Sunday, May 1st at the Kelly Complex.

Women’s softball starts the week of May 1st at Kendall Dean and the Kelly Complex.

5) Announcements –

a) RI Attorney General’s Office, Public Records and Open Meetings Law Presentation, Tuesday, April 26th at 5:30 PM, Kendall Dean School

b) Next meeting, Tuesday, May 31st, 6:30 PM at NS Highway Barn

6) Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 PM