

Tiverton Recreation Meeting

February 19, 2008

Present at meeting: Theresa Burke, Jack Cook, Glen Steckman, Phyllis Brower, Debbie Ebbitt, Diana Toste, and Bob Martin.

The TRC plans to raise \$350k for the improvements at Bulgarmarsh Recreation area and through a fundraising campaign. Letters will be sent to small businesses and corporations in town. Residents in town will also receive an informational mailing with options for donations or sponsorships.

A draft of a letter for solicitation of businesses was composed. The Tiverton town website needs to have the possibility of downloading an application for sponsorship. Discussion of price for a brick proposed \$150 per engrave brick. To sponsor a tree we suggested a \$500 donation with a guarantee for a minimum of 5 years. Park benches sponsorship was suggested at \$1500. Score board for the basketball court has been suggested as a corporate sponsor -price to be determined. A schedule of recognition levels was discussed but will be determined at the meeting in 2 weeks.

The website needs to be updated and Joe Shansky is the web designer. The website is under redesign right now but TRC needs to get a direct link to an application for donations to be able to use it in fundraising.

Mr. Steckman suggested adding pictures to the brochure/letter that we are going to send out to town's people, small businesses, and corporate sponsors.

Mrs. Barbara Pelletier volunteered to make a banner for the park.

Suggestions included slogans to put on such a banner along with the town website. The slogan will be “Bring Bulgarmarsh Back” with the town website on the bottom of banner.

A calendar was suggested as a fundraiser using the police and fire department. Debbie will approach Laurie Guillette about taking photographs for this.

It was decided to table the further discussion about Bulgarmarsh rec. area until the next meeting in two weeks dedicated just for Bulgarmarsh Park. The meeting will be on March 4th - place to be determined.

Jack will go the Stone Bridge water district to show them how TRC plans to use the land adjacent to the new Ranger school.

Clearing of the stone wall at Town Farm recreation area continues.

Summer recreation programs will be discussed at next months meeting.

As this was Mr. Steckman’s last meeting with the TRC, we told him we will write a letter of recommendation for him.

Diana Toste said the farmers market will be Saturdays 9-1:00 July 5th through September 27th. Informational meeting will be March 2nd at 2:00 at Town Hall.

Summer recreation programs will be discussed at next months meeting. Theresa spoke with the yoga instructor of Amicable church who said she would be interested in offering a class for children over 12 during the summer. The TRC is looking for someone to overlook the swimming program who is 21 years or older. We also need to have someone 21 or older in the gymnastics program. Diana has

found a person to run the cooking program. The cooking program will be run at the high school instead of the middle school.

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm. Next meeting will be March 18th at Judson Community center at 7pm.