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**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014**

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Chairman Stephen Bordua called the regular meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order at 7:00 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Cynthia Antos, Stephen Bordua, Jeanne Dery, Sylvie Hanshaw, Thomas Jourdan, Al LaFleur, Robert Monahan and Cathy Thomas.

Staff Present: Ida Ransom and Renee Waldron.

Cathy Thomas moved and Cindy Antos seconded the motion to dispense with the order stated on the agenda and move Citizens’ Comments to be first on the agenda; the motion carried unanimously.

Citizens’ Comments

Cathy Thomas explained that the four young men in attendance are looking for a place to ride their scooters and skateboards. Edward La Fleur, 1221 Riverside Drive, Aaron Davis, 92 Thompson Hill Road, Samuel Graves, 1157 Riverside Drive and Nicholas Trudeau, 22 B Beattie Avenue shared that there is currently no place where they can use their scooters and skateboards; they need a place with a better environment. North Grosvenordale Park, rather than Riverside Park, or an area behind the Knights of Columbus were two suggested locations. Renee Waldron stated that there is approximately \$5000.00 that was raised many years ago and designated for a skateboard park. It was decided that the four will arrange a meeting with Renee Waldron; she will share with them what they will need to do; that is, the steps to be taken. Sylvie Hanshaw also volunteered to help. Preliminary plans will be brought to the May meeting.

Secretary’s Report

1. **Cathy Thomas moved and Robert Monahan seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

Treasurer’s Report

1. The General Fund Budget Report was reviewed; there were no questions.
2. The Miscellaneous Revolving Account was reviewed.
 - a. The expenditures for the Youth Basketball line item were discussed.
 - 1) The charges for the custodial services are still an issue.
 - 2) Renee Waldron will prepare an analysis of the last four years of the youth basket ball expenses for the May meeting.
 - b. Within the next two weeks, approximately \$27,600 will be spent since payments on two of the larger trips are due to be paid.

Correspondence: None

Director’s Report

1. Renee Waldron reviewed her report and answered questions.
 - a. Renee Waldron will meet with Leo Adams to review what Public Works can and cannot do to address the various park maintenance issues. The Commission will then review how to address those that Public Works cannot do. It was recommended that Renee Waldron follow-up the meeting she had with Leo Adams and First Selectman Lenky in writing and that the safety issues be noted.

- b. There are currently two Eagle Scout candidates working on projects; Renee Waldron has been working with both. One is working on a project for Duhamel Pond and the other on one for behind the Gladys Green/Pineview Court Housing. Both are in Wetland areas so applications need to go to the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Old Business

1. Park Committee: See Director's Report.
2. Quaddick State Park: No update
3. Ski Program for the public
 - a. Renee Waldron has identified that the Shrewsbury location has a summer program which she will be investigating further.
 - b. Renee Waldron is waiting for further information on the winter ski group rate at the Shrewsbury location.
4. Professional Days and Field Trips for Purely Rec: No update
5. Budget Update
 - a. Renee Waldron stated that the Board of Finance took \$10,000 from the Miscellaneous Revolving Account; they did the same thing last year.
 - b. It was the consensus that Chairman Bordua should send the Board of Finance a letter similar to the one that was sent last year.

New Business: None

Members' Comments

1. Sylvie Hanshaw stated that the First Steps Day Care Center on Riverside Drive in North Grosvenordale has been purchased by Carelots. Carelots will be running a summer camping program; the cost is \$180.00 per week.
2. Cathy Thomas thanked Ida Ransom for her service to the Commission.

Announcements

1. Audrey Witkowski has been hired as the Recording Secretary for the Commission; she will start in May and will also be the Recording Secretary for the Conservation Commission.
2. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 7 PM in **Room 3 at the Library/Community Center.**

Adjournment

1. Chairman Bordua adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Ida Ransom
Recording Secretary