

***“Our mission is to enhance, promote and support quality recreation facilities and opportunities for all residents of the community.”***

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2014**

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Vice-Chairman Cynthia Antos called the regular meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order at 7:06 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Cynthia Antos, Sylvie Hanshaw, Thomas Jourdan, Robert Monahan and Cathy Thomas.

Members absent: Stephen Bordua, Al LaFleur and Jeanne Dery.

Staff Present: Audrey Witkowski and Renee Waldron.

**Secretary’s Report**

**Cathy Thomas moved and Robert Monahan seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2014 meeting as presented.**

Cynthia Antos—Yes; Sylvie Hanshaw—Yes; Thomas Jourdan—Yes; Robert Monahan—Yes; Cathy Thomas—Yes.

**The motion carried.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

1. The General Fund Budget Report was reviewed.
  - a. Adjustments will be made to the budget because of a few errors and will be prepared for the next meeting. The programs from last year will be closed out.
2. The Miscellaneous Revolving Account was reviewed.

**Correspondence**

1. From Blue Skull Firewalker, dated July 7, 2014, proposing several ideas to the Recreation Board. His first proposal is for a “Friends of the Park” volunteer group to be started in town. If Mr. Firewalker assists in the formation of the group, the Commission approves of the idea. His next proposal is for a town camp out. It was the consensus of the Commission that there is too much liability involved and does not support the proposal. Mr. Firewalker’s last proposal is for a book box located at Duhamel Pond. The Commission is concerned about possible vandalism and deems the book box unnecessary with the public library being across the street.
2. From Blue Skull Firewalker, undated, proposing several more requests. His first request to replace the memorial tree at Duhamel Pond is approved by the Recreation Commission. He also proposed to lay woodchips around the memorial trees in place of the soil, the Recreation Commission agreed that the woodchips are unnecessary and does not approve them. The Commission also does not want the memorial markers put back in.

**Director’s Report**

1. The Science Camps have been cancelled. The possibility of the camps being incorporated into the Summer Camp is being considered. The Science Camps will also be done as after school programs.
2. Lego Camp currently has 10 children enrolled. It will start next week at the school.
3. The Concert Series will remain at the gazebo in Riverside Park. The first concert had around 100 participants. The Recreation Commission will look into a higher quality band to perform next summer.

4. The movie in the park night was very successful with around 200 participants.

### Old Business

1. Park Committee Report—
  - a. The Eagle Scout working at Duhamel Pond has completed his project. The highway department will secure the benches on site. The park will be named after the official name of the pond on file and a sign will be placed somewhere near the entrance. The supplies for the fishing platform and bench for the other Eagle Scout project have been ordered.
  - b. The fencing is up on the footbridge in Riverside Park.
  - c. The park benches in Riverside Park will be secured and the damaged picnic tables will be removed or repaired. Some of the buildings need to be cleaned and painted. Some of the low wooden railings around the softball field need to be replaced. The supplies have been ordered and paid for.
  - d. The site preparation, mulch and fencing are complete at the River Mill Village Playground. There is a possible donation to go towards the swingset. Thompson Together is also willing to assist in the cost of the swings. It will be a two-bay arch swing to save space.
  - e. The park bench in Mechanicsville Park still has not been installed and the rotting sign post needs to be removed.
  - f. The Commission would like to move the one-bay swing from the old TEEG building to the Wilsonville Park.
  - g. Renee Waldron met with two young men and a designer to plan a skate park in town. They have also visited other local skate parks and contacted the builder of the Killingly Skate Park. The next step is to choose a location and contact the designer for an estimate.
2. Renee Waldron has contacted Mae Flexer about the status of the summer camp remaining at Quaddick State Park. Mae Flexer already has a meeting set up for Tuesday, July 29, with the Head of State Parks and will address the issue with him. Senator Don Williams is looking to set up a larger meeting in Hartford with the DEEP Commissioner and Commission members. Renee Waldron will keep in contact with Mae Flexer for more information to prepare for the larger meeting.
3. The Commission received a few options for consignment pricing from Ward Hill. They are also sending a packet with further pricing options for the Ski Program.
4. Professional Days and Field Trips for Purely Rec—No update.
5. The Wilsonville Boat Launch will not be going forward.
6. Heritage Way Property—No update.

**New Business:** None

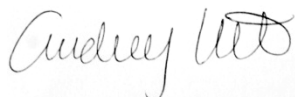
**Citizens' Comments:** None

### Announcements

1. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

### Adjournment

1. Vice-Chairman Antos adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.



Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary