

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE BARNSTABLE RECREATION DIVISION



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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 1 DECEMBER 2008

Commission Members Present: Clyde Takala – Chairman, Joe O’Brien – Vice Chairman, Rene King, Kathy Pina, Andy Gauthier and Kevin Turner

Commission Members Absent: Dan Proto

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m., roll call was taken. Joe O’Brien made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 3rd, 2008 meeting, seconded by Rene King, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously with the approved amendments: At the top of page 4 concerning the motion regarding the support of the Best Buddies Challenge event date, Joe O’Brien made the motion, seconded by Dan Proto.

Public Comment: None

Lindsey Counsell, Chairman of CPC, spoke on behalf of the proposed Rte 132 Athletic Field project. He gave a design overview of the area. The area may be able to accommodate two multi-purpose fields, two regulation basketball courts, two adult softball fields, additional fields as deemed appropriate, building(s) for storage and concession, accommodations for future bikeway, parking area(s) for approximately 400 cars, lighting, internal pathway system for joggers, cyclists, and walkers, disability accessibility, and public seating/viewing areas. Other opportunities include a “green” component. Also, improvements to the Hyannis Golf Course such as a golf cart barn, parking lot improvements, and driving range improvements. **David Curley**, Recreation Director said that he has talked to a number of groups and users and they are behind this project 100%. He believes that grants and donations would become available for this project. Lindsey Counsell introduced Jef Fasser, Director of Landscape Architecture, and Kathleen Odgen, Senior Landscape Architect, both of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. who are looking for ideas and suggestions from the Recreation Commission regarding the fields. David said that there is a huge need for field space in the Town of Barnstable. Lindsey Counsell said that the current fields being used today are deplorable and the Town Council is looking to upgrade existing fields. He feels that the town needs to consolidate the maintenance departments; take away the school maintenance and create one department who takes care of all the school and town fields. Lindsey feels that with the new athletic field complex, the town could bring in money with large scale tournaments. **Jef Fasser**, of VHB, talked about the design program for the area and was looking for ideas. **Kevin Turner** suggested a wind turbine to produce electricity for the fields and golf course. **Rene King** suggested using the Campground study to use the bathhouse technology. Also, she suggested going to IFAW, which is located on Willow Street in Yarmouth to look at their “green” landmark facility. Kevin

asked about the ancient cart way and **Lindsey** showed him that the cart way goes right through Rte. 6, they were still looking into the stipulations regarding the cart way. **Andy Gauthier** suggested designing the fields at multiple levels using the natural topography of the area; it is more appealing. Also, he suggested centering the picnic tables and bathrooms in a central location for all to access. Jef suggested a phased approach might be the best for this project. Rene suggested a master plan be established and then move things around from there. Jef asked Lindsey if there was an open space plan for the town. Lindsey said there was. The Recreation Commission thanked Lindsey, Jef, and Kathleen for attending the meeting. **Clyde** asked for further discussion about the project and asked if a sub committee could be formed. Kevin made a motion to create a sub committee for the Rte. 132 Athletic Fields. Seconded by Joe, the commission voted and it was passed unanimously. Andy Gauthier, Kevin Turner, and Joe O'Brien will serve on that sub committee.

New Business: David asked the Commission members what they would like to do for the end of season rink event. **Kathy Pina** suggested something like they did at Osterville Bay. **Joe O'Brien** asked for a sub committee to be created for that as well. **Kevin Turner** asked if there were any relationship or conversation with the Kennedy's about the new facility. **David** said that he was hoping Senator Kennedy would attend the opening in September 2009. Kevin made a motion for Rene to serve as liaison for the Recreation Division in planning the end of season rink event, seconded by Andy, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously. Kathy Pina, Rene King, and Joe O'Brien will serve on that sub committee.

Joe O'Brien said he would like to honor former lifeguard Glenna Kohl for here service to Barnstable Recreation. David informed the Commission that the lifeguards and Patti Machado were going to dedicate a bench in Glenna's name at Dowses Beach. Kevin asked if they would have a dedication. Rene suggested they support the lifeguards when they dedicate the bench at Dowses. David said that he would have a lifeguard come to the next meeting.

Old Business: **Rene** said that she needed to defer the campground until February's meeting. **Joe O'Brien** brought up Councilor Ann Canedy's letter to John Klimm. He did not like that Councilor Canedy suggested that our lifeguard staff will not be able to handle the no-smoking policy at the beaches and that she suggested that all the laws are not being enforced. **Rene** wanted to commend Councilor Ann Canedy on her active approach to the community. **Clyde** asked what the current status was regarding the smoking ban. **David** said that he is waiting on a response from Sandy Neck and the Town Manager will make a decision in the next few weeks. Joe also brought up inviting EJ Jaxtimer to the January meeting. He feels that even if EJ cannot attend that a representative from Barnstable Youth Hockey Association needs to attend.

Continuing, the Recreation Commission had concerns about the parking in the next few months with the rink and High School Hockey. Joe made a motion to send a letter to Steve Francis to learn about his plan for parking this winter at the Rink. Seconded by Rene, the Commission had a discussion. **Kevin Turner** suggested that the Recreation Commission send a letter to the building principal, Patricia Graves, informing her of our safety concern. Joe amended his motion to reflect sending a letter to Principal Patricia Graves. Seconded by Kevin, the Commission voted and 5 were in favor and 1 was opposed.

Clyde informed the Commission that Bill Sykes from Best Buddies would be calling to get a list of persons who would be attending the May 30th, 2009 Best Buddies event. Those individuals would get a celebrity pass into the facility.

Public Comment: None.

Director's Report: **David Curley** presented his Director's Report (see attached).

Clyde informed the Commission that he would be back in April. The next meeting is scheduled for January 5th, 2009. **Joe O'Brien** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Kevin Turner**, the motion was passed at 7:40pm.