

Griswold Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2010

Attending Members Sally Kinel-Knolhoff, Rich Clark, Ed Conn, Jamie Caporaso and Ryan Aubin.

Absent: Todd Clement, Kevin Skulczyck and Michael Roberts

Meeting began at 5:35pm

New Business

1. Motion was presented by Jamie C. and passed unanimously to set Quorum for voting to no less than 4 Board members.
2. Motion was presented (Ed C. & seconded by Rich C.)and passed unanimously to elect Jamie Caporaso as Chair of the Griswold Recreation Committee.
3. Motion was presented (Jamie C. & seconded by Rich C.)and passed unanimously to elect Ed Conn as Secretary of the Griswold Recreation Committee.
4. Vice Chair and Treasurer were tabled to a future meeting
5. Motion regarding commission membership and attendance was presented (Jamie C. & seconded by Rich C)and passed unanimously. "Any Commission member failing to attend three consecutive may be removed by vote of the commission. Replacement to this position will be voted by the commission."
6. Recreation Budget: Ryan discussed the budget going forward. Recreation commission will have its own budget. Any money raised will be separate from Youth and family services and Parks commission. When we start to build this fund, we will need to elect a treasurer.
7. **Veterans Memorial Park discussion.** Rental fee's for the park fund the maintenance and utilities for the park. Currently the rental fee is suggested to be up to \$75 dollars which gives the renter any amount of time on a given day. Motion regarding changing the fee structure was presented (Jamie C. & seconded by Rich C)and passed unanimously. "The rental fee for Veterans Memorial Park will set at \$20 per hour." Ryan A. will update the Park Rental packet and present at the next meeting.
8. Discussed the Sheldon Road Property: Ryan A. indicated that most all of the bills have been paid. Waiting on volunteer field prep to get the finishing stretch underway. When the field is finished, the recreation commission will be given authority.
9. **Discussion of Rt.138 Park project (phase 1):** discussed naming of the proposed park. Naming of the field was discussed and it was determined to be a priority. Motion was presented (Jamie C. & seconded by Rich C.)and passed unanimously to contact the family of Tyler G to gain permission for naming the park in his honor. Ryan A. will contact the family and present at the next meeting. The commission discussed options which require Planning and Zoning and options that do not. Anything that goes into the ground or significant changes the area will require Plan and Zone. Decided to not pursue erecting Flagpole in phase one to avoid P&Z. Will be able to erect a 4X8 sinage instead. Discussed sinage placement for potential sponsors. The Griswold Soccer Club has presented a motion from their board to donate \$10,000 or more to the field project if GSC is given full rights to the field for the next ten years. It is understood that

GSC will work with fellow clubs to properly schedule the field. Ed C will prepare a letter stating this to be presented to First Selectman by Ryan A. to investigate the possibility of having the field for the next ten years. Discussed costs for field preparation. The board would like Todd C. to send info on suppliers for project as they are received. Ryan also had updates on possible decreases in cost involved with the project (topsoil cost, labor). Would like to set a baseline for fundraising efforts.

10. Need to setup separate website for the Rt. 138 Project

Meeting ended at 6:35