

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 17, 2013

The Wednesday, April 17, 2013 meeting of the Recreation Commission was held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room - at 7:45pm. Chairwoman Cindy Sherlock called the meeting to order.

Present: Commissioners: Chris Lau, Penny Smith, Pete Smith, Bob Smith, Val Duran, Chairwoman Cindy Sherlock, Director Bobbi Conway Councilman, Alphonse Bartelloni

Absent: Jim Teehan, Chris Ilg, Alicia Armental

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 20th meeting were approved by motion from Pete Smith and seconded by Bob Smith. All present in favor.

Open Public Session-Visitors – Mayor Sandy Moscaritolo was present to discuss Cherry Blossom Park

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Memo from Alan Negreann to Geeta Birnbaum – Account Supervisor RE: November 2013 budget transfers – tennis court trees
2. Open Space Resolutions – approved by Mayor and Council - # 13-117 , #13-127, #13-116
3. Draft of resolution for discussion >>Prohibition of smoking in parks and recreational facilities
4. Agenda – 2013 River Edge Run for discussion

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Memorial Bench – Beaugard Family request– The Commission approved the installation of a new bench in the area next to the Memorial Park flag pole looking south into the park
- B. No Smoking Ordinance – number of signs for parks and fields – the Commission reviewed the draft resolution and determined the locations for the new signs based on the approval of the resolution by the Mayor and Council.
- C. River Edge Run 2013 agenda – the director reviewed the day of race responsibilities

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CHERRY BLOSSOM PARK- The mayor reviewed the purchase process of Cherry Blossom Park and the original plan that was developed for the park in 2010 through the collaborative efforts of the Recreation Commission, Shade Tree Commission and Beautification Committee. He stated further that the conceptual plan had been revised by Councilman Vito Aquafreda, to insert a tree farm section in the back of the property. The tree farm area of the property has been cleaned out and graded for the planting of saplings that will be soon be received. Receipt of the saplings was made possible through a grant with the intention that these trees will replace the many that the town has lost due to storms damage. The Mayor further explained that the saplings will be planted in liner pots and placed in the permanent pots installed in holes in the ground. Fencing will be installed along the perimeter of the tree farm as well as irrigation. The next phase will be to apply for Open Space Bergen County Funds
To develop the balance of the park The Mayor is requesting that the Commission review

that conceptual plan and approve the plan. He will present the same to the Shade Tree Commission. He has already presented the plan and received approval from Beautification. The Commission questioned the security of the tree farm area-Lighting will be included in this area. Discussion was lengthy regarding the request of funds made at the April 15th Mayor and Council meeting regarding payment of the pots. An amount of \$8,000 was requested by Councilwoman Murphy to be move from River Edge Open Space – KBG Lights to Cherry Blossom Park to pay for the sapling pots. He Commission has learned that the actual cost of the pots is estimated to be \$3,500 –\$4,000. The Commission questioned the difference of the request and need for the \$8,000 and whether others were going to asked to contribute. The Mayor stated that Shade Tree will be asked to contribute \$1,000 = Beautification has approved \$1,000. Commissioner Pete Smith voiced his concerns that if additional funds were needed for Cherry Blossom Park would more funds would be taken from the KBG light project. After further discussion, a motion was placed and unanimously approved, that \$4,000 of the KBG light Open Space funds be returned to that project and if Shade Tree agrees to contribute \$1,000 to the pots, then \$5,000 is to be returned to KBG light Open Space. Councilman Bartelloni will present this request to the Council. Additionally, by motion from Pete Smith and second from Penny Smith, the Recreation Commission approved the Cherry Blossom Park conceptual plan presented by the Mayor, with consideration of slight modifications or modifications that may be made by the Shade Tree Commission, with the understanding that the conceptual plan and engineer estimate for the project that is to be submitted as part of the grant application to the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund, be reviewed and approved by the Recreation Commission. All present approved this motion.

B. Lightning Detection System- The Recreation Commission asked for an update on the Lightning Detection System- The Mayor explained that a joint meeting for discussion of sharing the cost of the main data receiver system was held with representatives from River Edge School District, River Dell School District, New Milford School District and Borough of New Milford. River Dell Middle School has hooked up with Oradell system and will not participate with River Edge. The other representatives will get back to the Mayor as to their participation. In the meantime the Recreation Commission has asked that the Main Date Receiver and site location equipment be purchased and installed as the funding has been appropriated in the River Edge Open Space 2013 Funds. The Mayor will speak to Alan as to this request.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm pm by motion from B. Smith seconded by c. Lau. All in favor. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is May 15th, 2013 at 7:30pm.