

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES – 11/3/08 MEETING**

**Present:** Kathy and Eric Roseen, Ted Bense, Paul Askew, Pat Mancuso, Betsy McCarthy, Laurie Weir

**Acceptance of the Minutes**

The minutes from the 10/6/08 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**Old Business:**

1. Davis Field

At the request of TCS staff, Eric cut down the bushes at the end of the crosswalk at the beginning of the field because they were attracting bees and several students had been stung. The stumps need to be removed and Paul offered to look into that and refilling the holes.

Sparky informed Kathy that the playground inspector for schools visited the TCS playground and made two recommendations: wood chip mulch needs to be used for the ground covering, and there needs to be a wider perimeter of branch clearing around the swings. Sparky will provide a copy of the report.

Pat discussed removing money for the ice rink from the budget. An alternative plan would be to set up the rink on the lake, but then we would need lighting and plowing.

2. Handicap port-a-potty

Ted removed the deck from the port-a-potty.

3. Eagle projects

There was a Copp's Pond work party on 10/4 and progress is well underway. The parking area still needs work, and Paul offered to pull stumps (around 11/19 or 20<sup>th</sup>). Eric still needs to get the driveway permit by 11/14. There was a question about whether the new road agent would have any fill to donate.

4. Lifeguard Program

Mary Ann was unable to attend, but she informed Eric that the committee is evolving and that she would be meeting with the selectmen.

5. Gould Lot

The 10/19/08 work party was successful, with Mary Ann, Pat and Chris Mancuso, and Kathy/Eric/Shawn Roseen attending. Pat and Chris blazed the first trail with a blue "T". The next work party will be 11/16/08.

The wetlands delineation study was started by P. Cooperdock, who can also make out the application. Eric will volunteer to locate and flag the wetlands. Since the application won't be finished till winter, the excavating won't be possible till next year. Eric will present this at the budget meeting with the selectmen.

Eric will also talk about the house on the Gould Lot—the future of it and repairs for it (steps are falling in, there are windows open). This house could be a future meeting place for P&R, as well as a storage facility for the snowshoes.

There needs to be a sign for the Gould Lot and a rule board, similar to what is at the beach. Members are asked to come to the next meeting with ideas for renaming this property.

6. Teen recreation—no news.

7. Snowshoes—Kathy will talk to Steve Flagg at the Nordic Skier for prices.

8. Ledge Hill flower triangle

Chris Sawyer has spent two sessions working this area with the TCS grade 5 students this fall.

9. Budget

The budget was discussed and changes made line-by-line. Eric will present it to the selectmen.

Mary Ann was unable to attend but she wanted to spend any money left over from the swim program equipment budget. Dan Duffy has donated several floating rafts and she would like to adapt them for deep water use for the upper level swim lessons. Also, any extra money could be used for the purchase of a CD player and additional equipment for the water aerobics program. The commission approved this request.

### **New Business**

1. Tree removal on town property

Ted reported that a pine tree is looking precarious at the beach parking lot and offered to call Libby Tree service for an estimate for taking it down. Also, there is land at the town parking lot across from the Mirror Lake Church that the town is responsible for (site of an old saw mill and a preserved dam). Church goes park here on Sunday and there is a maple tree that is in sad shape. Ted will get an estimate for this also and approach the church about possibly taking it down.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Town Office (note earlier times).**

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Roseen

