

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

MINUTES – 1/6/09 MEETING

Present: Kathy and Eric Roseen, Ted Bense, Pat Mancuso, Mary Ann Murray, Betsy McCarthy, Paul Askew, Chris Sawyer

Acceptance of the Minutes

The minutes from the 12/1/08 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Old Business:

1. Eagle projects

The Copp's Pond bird watching station is finished. On 12/28/08, 30-40 family, friends and town residents attended the official opening to view the station and to offer congratulations to Boy Scout Jacob Evans. There was a discussion among Commission members as to what to name the station and how big the sign should be.

2. Lifeguard Program

Eric and Kathy attended the budget committee hearing to give further support of the lifeguard program. The budget committee doesn't see the need for two lifeguards on at the same time. After discussion, they approved \$4000 instead of the requested \$7000. The Commission discussed presenting our cause to the town residents at town meeting. This would be followed by a motion to amend the budget in order to replace the \$3000 taken out by the budget committee for the purpose of providing lifeguards according to the initial plan, which emphasizes safety.

3. Gould Lot

The parking lot has been plowed since the latest storm. Discussion will occur next meeting about what name to use and about signage.

4. Teen recreation

No news.

5. Snowshoes

The five pair new snowshoes have been received from the Nordic Skier, purchased with the fall 2007 Vegetables for Charity money. Kathy will inventory the full amount of new and donated/used snowshoes, label and number them as well. Kathy will purchase large Rubbermaid containers for storage. There was a discussion about where to store them and how to manage the borrowing of them. Pat offered to contact the library to see if they would have interest in checking them out and putting bar codes on them.

6. Tree removal

Ted reported that the dead trees at the beach parking lot have been taken down and that the trees at the Mirror Lake church parking lot have been trimmed.

7. Meeting Day

Tuesday will work for a new meeting day, however, there is a time conflict if the time continues to be 6:30 or 7:00. The members agreed to try 6:00 PM at the town office. Everyone in attendance was in agreement with the time change.

New Business

1. Signs

Copp's Pond bird watching station and the Gould Lot need signs. There was a discussion re: specifications, with everyone agreeing with 4 feet X 2 feet. Eric will develop a draft plan. Location names have to be established as well. The sign job will be put out to bid, with the following companies being suggested: Hilltop, Terri Harriman, Toby.

2. Ski for Scholarship

This is set for Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 1 at 12 noon at the Spider Web trails. This will be a family event, not limited to just woman as in the past. Kathy has already been in touch with Barbara McClure who will handle the paperwork, application forms and publicity. Eric will contact Bill Stockman to review plans. A work party to help prepare the trail is tentatively set for Sat or Sun, 1/24 or 25, depending on weather. Ted may not be available on that day to start the racers due to a possible ski race conflict. The next P&R meeting will occur the Tuesday before the event to discuss last minute plans.

3. Resignation

Kathy received an email from Laurie Weir during Dec. 2008 stating her need to resign. This was forwarded to the town officials.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office (note different day and the earlier time).**

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Roseen

