

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES – 5/5/09 MEETING**

**Present:** Kathy and Eric Roseen, Ted Bense, Pat Mancuso, Paul Askew, Kim Reed, Chris Sawyer, Mary Ann

**Acceptance of the Minutes**

The minutes from the 4/7/09 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**Old Business:**

1. Signage for Gould

Chris suggested soliciting the students at TCS for name suggestions, especially since many have been on the property through the Healthy Boys/Girls hikes and the snowshoe parties. Ted suggested using the word 'diamond' in the name as a reference to Tuftonboro being 'the diamond in the heart of NH' and to the diamond blazes on the trail. Kathy will bring the poster to TCS and talk with grade 4,5,6 teachers. Kim offered to help.

2. Lifeguard Program

Mary Ann brought Wolfeboro's policy and procedures manual and would like to adopt much of it, with some changes, for Tuftonboro's lifeguard program.

There was a discussion about floatables and how safe would they be in the wind that is often strong at the beach. It was decided that lifejackets are always acceptable; beach balls and inflated rafts that could blow away are too dangerous; and that noodles that are heavier are safer.

The lifeguards would be on duty from 12 noon to 5 PM.

Eric received a request from Carolyn Sundquist that she received from someone else, regarding smoking at the beach and to please enforce 'no smoking'. Eric will look into no smoking signs, but the job of the lifeguard first is to keep the beach and water safe.

There was a discussion about the large upright sign on the beach and the numerous rules on it that people usually don't read. It was suggested that the upright sign have the most important rules listed, such as lifeguard on/off duty, no smoking, no glass, etc. and that the other rules be listed on a flyer to be stored in a box under the sign. The rules on the sign will be reviewed at the next meeting. The 'no diving' sign will be re-painted flat on both docks and vertically on the posts.

Re: swimming lesson sign ups, Kathy will update the informational note to send home with the TCS students the second week of June. This note will include a description Mary Ann will write about the new lifeguard program and that they are there to keep the swimmers safe and to reinforce the rules of the beach, but not to serve as babysitters. Children 12 and under still need a parent or responsible guardian (16 years or older) to be present.

3. Gould Lot

The second trail was finished at the 4/19/09 work party, with Ted, Mary Ann, Eric and Kathy. Pat will mark the new trail with a red diamond T. Kathy will lead the TCS Healthy Girls and Boys groups around the property again during May or June.

Re: snowshoes, Pat moved the two boxes from the library to the basement of the town office for the summer.

#### 4. Davis Field/TCS playground

Paul pulled the stumps near the walkway and the next thing is to add loam. The baseball diamond was too wet to support his machine for adding more sand to the diamond. There was a discussion about a manual work party and Chris suggested using 5-6 older TCS students some afternoon at 2 PM to help with spreading sand as a way to earn volunteer hours. It was decided to set this plan up for Wed. 5/13 at 2 PM (or Thurs. 5/14 as a rain day). Paul will deliver sand and Eric will help also.

Re: the broken playground slide. The kids keep taking the plywood out of the top area blocking the slide, so Sparky put a chain up. Kim reported that the kids are not respecting that either. Chris has not had any luck finding replacement parts on line. She will call the company to inquire about replacement parts for 1991 vintage playgrounds.

#### 5. Recycling

Kim brought an additional handout for bins for bottles and glass. Ted will empty the bins and bring the recyclables to the dump. The commission decided to buy two for Nineteenmile Bay beach to start out. Ted offered to convert a garbage can for Melvin Beach to see if it is worth investing in bins for that beach.

### **New Business**

#### 1. Terms

Ted joined up for another 3 years. Betsy McCarthy resigned. There was a discussion about finding replacements for the three spots that are now empty (Betsy, Laurie, Bill), preferably town residents that are of the younger set and who might have children in TCS, such as parents of grade 1 and 2 students. Also, younger teachers...

#### 2. Lang Pond Road

Eric met with the selectmen about the changes that are being proposed for Lang Pond Rd. and shared that any changes need to be voted on by town residents. The selectmen agreed with all that Eric talked about.

The Parks and Rec Commissioners all agreed that we are opposed to any changes in the configuration of Lang Pond Rd. as well as to the beach area on Lang Pond Rd. Chris Sawyer made the motion to oppose any changes to Lang Pond Rd. and Mary Ann seconded. All were in favor.

There was a discussion among commission members about how to stop people from launching motorized boats at the small Mirror Lake beach on Lang Pond Rd.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Beach Pavilion (weather permitting).**

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Roseen

