

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

MINUTES – 8/10/09 MEETING

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

Acceptance of the Minutes

The minutes from the 7/1/09 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Old Business:

1. Signs for Tuftonboro Central Park and Copp's Pond Wildlife Viewing Station

No action yet; forthcoming.

2. Lifeguard Program

Mary Ann reported that there have been several incidences of the lifeguards implementing safety measures with children and the parents being upset about it. This was brought to the attention of the selectmen. The selectmen will post a "swim at your own risk" sign at the end of the fire boat pier, and they agreed that kids should be allowed to fish off any parts of the rt. 109 bridge crossing the Melvin River. If there are any injuries, the lifeguards will be instructed to respond as part of their 'first responder' responsibilities, but their primary responsibility is to monitor the swimmers within the swimming area.

The commission members discussed the lifeguard plan for next summer. Mary Ann wondered about having one guard on midweek and two guards on for the weekend. Midweek swimmers are "regulars" who are there for lessons, but the weekend crowd is likely to be newer to the area and less familiar with the beach, therefore needing the authority figures more. She has received a significant amount of positive feedback from parents about the lifeguards overall. Other members felt that we struggled for a length of time to get the lifeguard program in place, and if we reduce the coverage, we might not be able to increase it again. This topic will be discussed again in the future.

3. Recycling Program

The recycling bins have arrived and are up and running at Nineteen Mile Beach. As of 8/1, Ted collected 72 cans, 2 beer bottles, and 48 returnable bottles. As of 8/8, he collected 50 cans, 38 plastic bottles and some trash. Ted has the replacement liners, and he will add a note about 'no trash' to the bins. The members felt that the bins should stay out until Columbus Day. Bins for Melvin Beach and the trash can protector will be addressed in time for next summer.

4. Beach

A discussion continued about cars parking along the fence on rt. 109, with up to twelve parked diagonally on one of the sunny days during the swim program and backing out onto the busy road in order to leave. The background about leaving this area clear was two-fold: safety and a clear view of the lake/mountains. Eric feels that it is a state issue and not a town issue since it is a state road. There was a discussion about placing a direction sign for parking at the end of the beach road.

Storage box stain—next meeting.

Pavilion maintenance—Paul will use his pressure wash to clean and repaint the

pavilion posts.

Replace beach sand—wait until next spring.

Picnic tables—Chris found 6 foot tables for \$99 and 7 foot tables for \$125 at the Branch River Trading Post in Union. She will research other suppliers and Paul will check out Skehan's for their prices. The beach needs three new tables.

5. Davis Field/TCS playground

Paul will add more loam to the stump area and add grass seed.

Re: the TCS slide, Chris found the part number on the bottom of the slide leg as well as the playground diagram/plans from Oct. 1993. She has been persistent in trying to contact the direct distributor of Game Time for three weeks and finally heard back. She was told that an entire new slide needs to be purchased. She is currently waiting for the fax of the slide diagram.

6. New recruits

Several names were discussed and Chris, Kim and Kathy will each contact a potential recruit to see if they are interested.

7. Swim Program

The numbers were down this year but the program still went well. The Red Cross program has changed so the swimmers had more of a challenge to pass the levels when compared to past years. Level one has changed and is now more for youngsters who are already comfortable in the water. Levels prior to level one are for ages 3,4,5 and are known as the Preschool 1,2,3 programs.

Kathy turned in money collected from the Water Aerobics program for summer 2009 as well as summer 2008. Mary Ann will forward this money to the town and would like to use it to purchase an IPOD and docking station for music for the program (instead of lugging the bulky boom box through the water to the dock each time).

8. Inventory—next time.

9. Swim for Scholarship

Five swimmers raised money and swam 15-minute segments and longer for a total of \$328. Participants included Liz Bean (who swam around the nearest island), Amy Varney, and Kathy, Tom and Shawn Roseen. There was a discussion about how to enhance this event for next summer, including adding it on to another pre-arranged attraction, such as karaoke or a s'mores party. The sense of community volunteerism and helping out needs to be emphasized with the swim team and parents; perhaps swim team practice that day would happen in the evening instead, with all members contributing to this community event.

New Business

1. CIP

P & R needs to keep listing tennis and basketball courts to keep the idea

alive.

2. Teen Activity

Mary Ann suggested looking into karaoke and martial arts demonstrations for next year. Brenda Fusco and Andy Kostas are local people who run karaoke nights. Chris offered to contact Brenda.

3. New Trail

Ted reported that he has just completed a trail across his property on Tuftonboro Neck Rd. It extends from Eaglemere Rd. to Cross Neck Rd.

4. P&R helper

Mary Ann initiated a discussion about hiring a P&R helper/assistant to carry out tasks that the regular volunteers find hard to do in a timely manner because of their own employment, work schedules and family responsibilities. This helper would be paid a stipend and might be responsible for following up on action recommended, making phone calls and creating the lifeguard schedules. Discussion among members centered around the fact that all town committees are volunteer-based and they all have the same challenges re: finding time to do the volunteer work. The overall sense is that it wouldn't pass a vote. This is a small town and plans naturally move slowly because it is all based on volunteer effort. Mary Ann felt that if the town wants P&R to grow, then a P&R activity director needs to be hired, and this should be a paid position. The discussion ended with the opinion that the commission needs more members to help spread the work load. Kim, Chris and Kathy will each contact one person to recruit and invite to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Beach Pavilion.**

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Roseen

