

AVON PARK AND RECREATION

Commissioners: Barbara Littlefield, Co-Chairwoman – Sandra Anderson, Co-Chairwoman  
Glenn Fernald, Kathy McDonald and Cornelius Hallisey

FEBRAURY 4, 2010

Avon Park and Recreation met at 7:00 with members Barbara Littlefield, Kathy McDonald, Cornelius Hallisey and Glenn Fernald present.  
Minutes from the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were reviewed and accepted as recorded.

**PROPOSED ARTICLES/2011 BUDGET**

Kathy prepared our 2011 budget and met with the selectmen to review it. She also advised the selectmen that we are working on 2 articles to be presented at the town meeting. Kathy brought the articles to the P & R meeting to be reviewed. Glenn motioned that both articles be accepted as prepared and forwarded to the selectmen. Neil 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with all members in favor.

**FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS**

Glenn will research purchasing netting for the Noonan Field. There are several netting suppliers to be contacted. We will also need to find someone to install the netting. David Baine from Premier Fence will be contacted to see if he handles that type of job.

When Kathy met with the selectmen they discussed installing a toilet facility at the Crowley fields at a later time. P & R should research this further so that we can be prepared to make a presentation to the selectmen.

**STOYAC**

P & R reviewed a complaint from the high school AD regarding how STOYAC puts the equipment away and some small damages to the score board and climbing on the closed bleachers. Kathy has addressed this matter with the AD. Either she or Neil are usually present while the STOYAC program is held on Saturdays and feel that the complaints are unwarranted.

**SUMMER PROGRAM**

The Commission discussed the upcoming summer program season. The summer program will be put on future agendas through April so that we have the program fully prepared before the season begins. It was decided that the signup fee will be increased from \$10.00 to \$20.00. Kathy motioned that the fee be increased to \$20.00, Glenn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with all members in favor. The motion was carried. It was discussed whether the theater camp should be offered this year. Ann Littlefield has offered to return as the summer program director if Ryan Gallagher is unable to. We should make a determination as to who will direct the program by the end of March. All last years councilors should be emailed to see if they plan on returning this year so we can determine how many openings we need to fill. It was decided that children will need to sign in and out each day they attend the program. This rule will be added to the summer program signup package.

Some new trips to be considered are hiking in the Blue Hills and swimming at the Blue Hills Regional School, trying Water Country in NH instead of Water Wizz.

**LETTER TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Barbara requested that individual follow up letters be sent to the members of the school committee regarding our request for a reduction in the hourly rental rate we are charged. We have not had a response to our original letter sent in October.

**SPECIAL TRIPS**

Barbara sent out a survey listing possible future trips to get a feel for what people may be interested in. The Commission discussed the following trips:

Whale Watch – To leave from Plymouth, with time to see the sights and have lunch in Plymouth  
Any children attending must be accompanied by an adult

Weekend in Waterville Valley – 7/31 – 8/1 \$159.00 Try to include visit to castle in the clouds

Cleveland Indians vs Red Sox

Pocono's - Skiing/gambling weekend – Under age 21 must be accompanied by an adult

Harvest on the Harbor, Portland, ME, in October – Over night trip will include visit to food & wine market place

Amish Country/Philadelphia in the Fall.

Flyers should be ready for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Geary, Secretary  
Avon Park and Recreation Commission

