



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

*Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2007*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Gene Propper, Joe Fiala, Chuck Metcalf, Tom Reynolds, John Nikkais and Valerie King (late).

SENIOR CITIZEN UPDATE (with Dot O'Neil):

- The senior group plans to go to the Pancake House in Henniker for their February outing.
- Boy Scout sponsored Christmas dinner will be January 27, 2007. RSVP required.
- The group is planning to have a story teller, Cora Ciampi, at their March meeting. Sandwiches to be provided by Colburn's North Village Store for about 20 people. Total cost is about \$200.00.

John Nikkais moved to authorize up to \$250.00 be spent on entertainment and food (as described above) for senior citizen's March meeting. Tom Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jodi Naughton:
 - Jodi informed PARC of her petition drive for a warrant article to establish a Community Center fund, and asked for PARC's official support of her efforts.
 - The purpose of the funds will be used to investigate the possibility of developing a Community Center in Weare. The project will not involve any tax dollars.
 - Money received by this fund (in the form of donations and fund raisers) will be placed in a special account that can only be used to pay for expenses related to the community center project.

FIELD USAGE FOR THE 2007 SEASON:

- Present to discuss their needs for use of the various fields in town were:
 - Jim Blouin, 8th Grade Head Coach for the John Stark Generals Football Association (JSGFA);
 - Mike, representing the Weare Athletic Club (WAC) soccer;
 - Gerry Morin, representing the Weare Athletic Club (WAC) baseball/softball and the Weare Middle School soccer team.
- See attached calendar for discussed dates and time each group requested for the various town fields. For purposes of liability, each team is asked to complete a field request form.
- Concern expressed regarding the wear and tear on the town fields as a result of increased use (expected to continue for the next two years until the Middle School fields are playable). WAC and JSGFA representatives expressed their willingness to donate time and materials to help repair and maintain the fields in the event that PARC is unable to provide funds for this purpose. They also urged PARC not to wait until the damage is done to ask for help.
- Joe suggested the idea of the town leasing the "Bolton practice field" (private property) in an effort to minimize damage at the Bolton "game field" (town property).
- PARC will schedule a similar meeting next year at this time to discuss the 2008 season.

BOLTON FIELD DEVELOPMENT: (Joe Fiala)

No update. Bids have been received and opened, but nothing further has been done.

BOLTON FIELD:

- JSGFA requested that they be able to return their portable concession stand (trailer) to Bolton Field this season as they'd done last season. They will locate it in the same general area, but would like to fill in a depression with gravel so that they can move the trailer back to provide more room for the awning and add a few more parking spaces. PARC did not object to this being done.

Joe Fiala moved to allow JSGFA to return the portable concession stand (subject to the same safety approvals as last year.) to Bolton Field beginning at end of August and through November 2007 (the 2007 football season Motion seconded by Chuck Metcalf. Motion passed unanimously.

- Jim Blouin wanted to thank Carl and his road crew for the work they did at Bolton and asked about PARC's plans regarding the drainage issue at the field. He noted that there is currently crushed rock near the sidelines of the football field which may pose a danger to kids playing on the field. He also noted that the stones may also pose a problem for the mowing contractor.
- At least 3 sections of irrigation (near the corner by Granite State Telephone) have been torn up (3 control boxes and some wiring).

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Chuck Metcalf moved to accept the minutes for the December 12, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by Gene Propper. Tom Reynold and John Nikkias abstained. All others approved. Motion carried.

REVIEW 2007 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- Beginning in April, PARC will hold 2 meetings each month.
- Due to voting on March 13th, the March meeting will be moved to Wednesday, March 14th.

CHASE PARK:

- Gene will research dock repairs (find out what needs to be done and at what cost).
- Chuck will ask Kathy Robichaud to attend the February meeting to discuss timeline and tasks for opening/staffing Chase Park this season.
- Joe will post the Chase Park staff openings. The deadline for submitting resumes will be February 10th so that they can be reviewed by the Committee and Kathy at the February meeting.
- Gene informed PARC that the Snowmobile Club has offered to donate port-a-potties at Chase Park during "ice season" (when the lake is frozen).

OLD BUSINESS

- Joe investigated and found no evidence to support the rumor that the town received insurance money for the broken lights at the tennis courts.
- Joe will post the Director position in the Goffstown News. It will be posted as a stipend position.
- Joe expressed concern regarding the type of fund and accounting required for the Community Center fund as it is currently proposed. He wants to ensure that this type of fund is the best set-up (requiring the least paperwork/accounting burden to the town).

Tom Reynold moved to support the warrant article for the Community Center (as written). Motion seconded by Chuck Metcalf. Joe Fiala abstained. All others approved. Motion carried.

- PARC elections will be held at the March meeting.
- Tom will e-mail Fred (TA) for an update on the line adjustment at Bolton Field.
- Tom agreed to check into the cost of telephone poles at Bolton to see why are still paying for these poles (\$100/month for the past 5 years).
- Valerie will post announcement on cable to seek new members to PARC.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:23pm