

Columbia Recreation Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 9, 7:00 PM

Conference Room

Present: Ann Dunnack, Melissa Petrone, Jill Swenson, Nikki Keldsen, Millie Ramsey

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting cancelled, no minutes.
3. **Audience of Citizens:** None.
4. **Old Business:**
 1. **Art and Wine Evenings:** Going well. One more event in June, 14 people are signed up thus far.
 2. **New Recreation Property:** No update on property. Paula has been working on the POCD, new rec property will be included in that plan. Plan is to start with hiking trail to connect both parks.
 3. **Beach:** New kayak shed was placed at beach yesterday. Millie and Ann went to a CIRMA about liability at the lake. Recommendations made were adding additional signage when life guards are not on duty as well as marking the depth of the water in the swim area. Lifeguards have started training with Ann and Millie. Millie also recommended that lifeguards should sweep the lake at the beginning and end of shift. Beach opens June 23rd.
 4. **Junior High Parties:** Very low turnout at the last two events. There are no events planned for the summer. Consensus of CRC is that the parties should take place a maximum of three times a year.
 5. **Dinner/Dip:** Tickets are on sale. Bill will be making pulled pork. Snow cones for dessert. Jill will look into getting Farmer's Cow to see if they can serve ice cream. Still looking for volunteers to serve food and direct traffic. Extra life guards will be on duty.

- 6. Kayaks:** Shed was placed at lake. CRC discussed off season rental. CRC recommends that town residents would apply for a kayak pass at the town hall. All waivers would be completed when applying for pass. There will be no charge to use the kayaks. Upon completing the application and waivers, members would be given a pass and a code to the shed. When using kayaks, members would hang pass on rack in shed.
Millie makes a motion that there be no charge for kayak rentals and that a plan be presented to the BOS outlining the process for kayak use. Ann seconds motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.

5. New Business:

- 1. Columbia Market:** Linda is getting applications for the Columbia Market. BOS reallocated \$1000 funds from fund 39 Farmer's Market to Recreation Fund 29.
 - 2. Town Update:** Town Manager looking at revamping fees for pavilion rental at rec. park. CT DOT has allocated funds to complete greenway trail between Columbia and Willimantic.
 - 3. POCD:** CRC discussed additions to current PODC. Several additions added such as the stone dust trail, exercise stations, sand volleyball court, playscape, scoreboard for girls softball, memorial benches, concession stand, bathrooms, and walking trails at rec. park. Other additions included, Porter school has a new softball field, new playscape, the kitchen in Yeoman's hall and various activities added to Beckish Center.
- 6. Recreation Director's Report:** Reviewed financials. MOMS club approached Jill about the older playscape at rec. park for plans to replace. They will put a plan together and present to Jill.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Petrone
Secretary