**Recreation Committee  
July 16, 2019  
4:00PM, Center Office Building/ 2nd Floor Conference Room**

**Members in attendance**: Mary Lou Volpe (MV), Dan Thompson (DT), Kadion Phillips (KP), Cindy Forgit (CF), Annie Roscioli (AR)

**Members Absent**: Erin Carson

**Others in Attendance: Town Administrator, Jeff Bridges**

KP left at 5:35 PM

**OPENING OF MEETING**: MV made motion to open meeting at 5:00 PM. CF seconded. Vote 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

5/20/19- DT made a motion to accept minutes as written. Seconded by CF. Vote 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Summer Recreation Program Updates and Scholarship Forms.** AR stated that the summer program has been going very well, with approximently 60 sign ups for the 7-14 age group. AR stated that this registration number is lower, but day to day attendence has been much stronger. AR stated the field trip to the Conneticut Science Museum was very successful and she hopes to plan two trips for next summer. MINI Program began this week, with 5 attendees for session 1 and 10 registered for session 2.
2. **Update on projects**

**A) Town Barn Lighting**. Accurate update to be provided after Conservation meeting tonight.

**B) 60 Cedar St**. Ready to go to bid and waiting for DPW to begin.

**3.** AR stated that she has been working to find the best location for a summer bus trip and has decided on Newport RI. This location gives us one main access/drop off point at their local Transportation Center. Cost to be $35.00 per person, proposed date is Saturday, August 24th, departing at 8:00 AM**. MV made a motion to plan the Newport, RI Bus Trip. Seconded by DT. All in favor 4-0.**

**4.** Jeff Bridges attended the committee meeting to discuss relocating the Senior Center**.** Idealy he thinks the Shepard Parcel is the most feasible location for this project. His goals for the next ten years are new senior center, renovate police department, and to renovate DPW facility. Jeff Bridges asked for the committees endorsement for his attempt to move forward on this project to have this property allowed for use (location currently has a CR). He would also need support of Opacum Land Trust and a town meeting vote. DT asked what makes this location more preferable than remodeling their existing location. JB stated the pros to a new location is a one story building, more parking, and more accessibility. JB is crafting an RFP to compare renovating the existing building to a new location. DT stated he feels as though Recreation is last for priority, with only three fields and losing each property that we have plans for. DT voiced sports teams in numbers and lack of ammenities. There was discussion regarding the process and long term goals. KP stated he would be in favor of endorsing the idea of JB, MV and DT agreed.

**Old Business**

1. **Update from DPW regarding Courts at Cedar Lake, follow up from site visit by Project Manager regarding rust spots.** Rust spots are present due to an agregate, as an iron in the asphalt laid is reacting with the coating. Lynch is working with DPW and Town Administor to find the best solution to repair these spots as well as prevent future ones for arriving. Lynch will meet the town on repairs and cover 50%.
2. **Concerts on the Common, committee schedule.**

**PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS**

**1.** **Town Common, August 23, 2019 2:00-6:00PM**. Requested by resident B. Fairchild

**2. Cedar Recreation Area, August 4, 2019, 1:00-3:00PM.** Requested by Lifesong Church (family picnic day). MV made a motion to approve. DT seconded Vote 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** MV made motion to adjourn meeting at 5:56. Seconded by DT. Vote 3-0.  
  
**Tentative Next Meeting:** Monday August 19, 2019 4:00 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Annie Roscioli**

**Recreation Director**