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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 3 MAY 2010

Commission Members Present: Clyde Takala – Chairman, Joe O’Brien – Vice Chairman, Kathy Pina, Rene King, Dan Proto, and Andy Gauthier

Commission Members Absent: Kevin Turner

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, roll call was taken. Joe O’Brien made a motion to accept April’s minutes, seconded by Andy Gauthier, Clyde asked the minutes reflect the date of April “5”, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously with said amendment.

Public Comment None

Jo Anne Buntich, Growth Management Director, asked the Commission Members to review the 5 year action plan for the Recreation Division’s open space at the April meeting. **Elizabeth Jenkins**, Project Manager informed the Commission that a base line of goals and objectives are to be established in this project. **Jo Anne** said last meeting Commission Members were curious as to who was responsible for implementing these goals. She said it was the responsibility of the Recreation Division to implement the goals and objectives. She said that Growth Management’s responsibility is to maintain the accuracy and to keep the plans current so the Town is eligible for Federal Grant money. **David Curley** gave the Commission Members and Jo Anne an Open Space Recreation Plan to show the needs of the Recreation Division. David went through the list of General Goals and Objectives (see hand out). **Dan Proto** asked about the schools that were closed like the Osterville Bay School and who takes care of and permits the Bay School fields. **David** said that the fields are still permitted under the Recreation and they do the work. **Kathy Pina** said the holes in the grass need to be addressed. **David** said it would be addressed but those fields don’t get much attention. **Jo Ann** asked if David could create a spreadsheet of who maintains and permits out the different school fields. **David** has a spreadsheet of the 39 fields and the needs that were assessed by a consultant and would be happy to send it to Jo Ann. **Rene King** said the Town is facing financial challenging times and asked if a family, a business or an organization may become part of the community and sponsor or adopt a project like a field. **Jo Anne** said that is an idea that can be in the action plan. **Kathy Pina** asked what was happening across from the Kettle Ho. **Jo Anne** said it was parking for the town landing; seven spaces were available for resident stickers only. **Kathy** said that a cross walk or a sign is needed for those who cross the street there. **Jo Anne** said she would put in a provision and have someone look into that. **Jo Anne** asked David if he has put the improvements in the CIP. **David** said yes, it is on a five year plan. **Kathy** asked about Hamblin’s Pond and the nourishment for the beach. **David** said they needed to build the beach back up and it was closed last year because of a shortage of staff. He

said the Board of Health tests the quality of water each week. **Kathy** suggested putting the money into a beach/pond that would be open and staffed. **Jo Anne** said regarding Millway Beach, they are looking into having a shuttle bus to the Barnstable County complex on the weekends to help relieve some parking issues. **Rene** said the list David handed out is an expansive list and it needs to be prioritized. **Jo Anne** said she would leave the prioritizing to the Recreation but would like to return to the June meeting to discuss further the plan that will be drafted regarding the Recreation Open Space Plan. **Dan Proto** asked if dredging that was being done could help replenish some of the other beach sites within the Town. **Jo Anne** said it would be part of the action item. **Joe O'Brien** said, referring to the school fields, just because Recreation is in charge of permitting out the fields, does not mean that they have a budget to maintain the fields; it is very difficult to do maintenance without a budget. **Rene** suggested the maintenance process be streamlined and to have partnerships in place to help make key decisions when it comes to these fields. **David** said Youth Soccer uses McBarron Field and the Golf Course maintains the field; Lacrosse maintains Horace Mann field and the Kettleer's maintains Lowell Park; Recreation works closely with these organizations. **Rene** suggested banners for advertising at these fields. **Kathy** said all the fields are in dire need of repair and they need to be addressed. **Andy** said irrigation needs to be installed if turf is going to be added to these fields; protect the investment. **Jo Anne** said that is a good recommendation and it will be included. **Clyde Takala** said his Cape Cod Old Timer's League has put irrigation into all the fields they play on down Cape. **Rene** said they should emphasize the safety issue and be preventative. **Andy** asked if they could see the draft they were putting together at the June Meeting. **Elizabeth Jenkins** said Growth Management was putting together an Action Plan and they were going to present it to the public at the Public Hearing for adoption in June and that she would send the draft to Recreation for their June 7th meeting. **Kathy** asked if the Hyannis Harbor Hawks had the same responsibilities as the Cotuit Kettleer's. **David** said they had similar responsibilities like cutting and feeding the grass and maintenance.

New Business

None

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Clyde asked about the Beach Survey results. **David** said it was good information and said the Commission Members should read the comments. **Rene** said new actions should be taken or refines current plans depending on the comments. **Kathy** asked that information be sent prior to the meeting. **David** said that was possible and would be done in the future. **Clyde** asked members **Kathy Pina**, **Joe O'Brien**, and **Andrew Gauthier** if they wanted to be re-appointed. He handed out a form for them to sign. All three asked to be re-appointed. **Clyde** asked the Commission Members if he should remain on the board or step down since he misses 5 months out of the year. He wants to do what is best for the board. **Clyde** said that **Rich Petze** will be at the June meeting. **Rene King** asked if the two other alternatives for field space were considered and if feed back could be given at the June meeting. She asked that the Hyannis Middle School and the land around the Hyannis West Elementary School could be looked at. **Kathy Pina** asked if Barnstable Little League could have input on those two areas at the June meeting. **Kathy** asked if there was any information on the Kick Off for the wishing well and for **Rene's** Zumba fundraiser. **David** said he would look at the up coming events at HYCC and speak with staff and see where that could fit. **Kathy** said the packet of information she handed out on the wishing well had kick off suggestions.

Public Comment

Marilyn Asiaf and husband **Dr. Asiaf** of 361 Bay Lane, Centerville were in attendance to speak against the upgrades to the Centerville Bay Lane Fields. **Mr. McMahan** of 360 Bay Lane, Centerville was in attendance to speak against the upgrades to the fields as well. He feels that it is

the wrong thing for the quiet neighborhood. **Mrs. Asiaf** said it was nice when the upgrades were done to the tennis courts but because of the Little League you cannot access the courts. She said her and her husband have counted 50 cars for each field. It is too much traffic she said. She said that they are all SUV's and trucks. She took pictures of children waiting in line for a hot dog and said she was heartbroken for them and cars were coming at them on both sides. **Joe O'Brien** asked her and her husband to be present at the June meeting. **Clyde** informed Mrs. Asiaf the Recreation Commission board will vote on the presentation from Little League and they make a recommendation to the Town Manager who then makes the final decision. **Rene** informed the public that no decision has been made at this time regarding the Centerville Ball Fields.

Director's Report See Attached. **Andy Gauthier** asked David if any more was going to be done to stop the smoking on the premises of HYCC. **David** said staff would be out side making announcements. **Rene** said she was disappointed that Hathaway's was not going to have a lifeguard this year. **David** said there may be funding for one at Hathaway's and Joshua's. He also said June 12th is the Triathlon. **Kathy Pina** asked about naming rights for Nate Nickerson. **David** said he has nothing to report as of yet; no one questions what Nate Nickerson has done for the Town. Mr. Nickerson certainly did much for the Town of Barnstable.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 7th, 2010 at 5:30 at Town Hall. **Joe** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andy, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Garfield, Principal Division Assistant, Recreation Division.