

Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
October 5, 2010
Minutes

In attendance: Don Pellicano, Roy Foreman, Marie Gilmore, Mike Howell
Excused: Paul Kelly, Frank Cruice

Minutes of August 3, 2010 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Director's Report: Mike Howell reported that attendance picked up for the last four weeks of camp. Finger slips are being added to the new marina at the Swim and Racquet club. Mike distributed a financial analysis for the August period for our review. A copy is attached to the filing of these minutes. Mike reviewed some of the wants/needs and wishes he will request as he prepares for the budget process. Some of the key needs for 2011 include: Path lighting in White Horse Park, Portable bleachers for the gym in the Community Center, a scoreboard for the gym. Some "wants" include a piano since the old one can no longer be properly tuned and a washer and dryer for use by the maintenance staff and summer camp.

Old Business:

Mulch project: Frank Cruice, who is heading up this project, was unavailable for this meeting. Marie distributed informational sheets regarding rubber mulch and will provide follow up materials on rubber matting to replace wood mulch in the future. The committee will continue to look into the feasibility of this and will provide OPA with cost differences when accurate estimating becomes available. Public Works has been asked to provide the committee with square footage of each playground area within the parks. They have provided information regarding how much mulch has been purchased in the past. The committee will work with vendors for cost estimates in order to present a comprehensive report to OPA when the time comes.

Update on Croquet courts: Mike has spoken to the gentlemen who requested croquet courts be established in Ocean Pines and has informed him that the need for "a level and well maintained grassy area" makes this request not possible to fulfill at this time. Marie found that in order to set up a croquet court it is necessary to have a "flat, even field of short grass 84 feet wide and 105 feet long." The committee will continue to look for an area that can accommodate this field.

New Business:

Budget planning: The committee will support Mike's recommendations for the budget. Marie will report on these needs in the annual report due the end of October. An additional request will be added to make the steam table in the kitchen portable so that community groups serving food from the kitchen can better utilize it. Mike will look into this.

Adjournment: Next meeting November 2, 7PM, OPA Board room.
Submitted by Marie Gilmore

