

Warren Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2010
Warren Town Hall Dining Room
8:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Dean Ackerman
Chris Brodhead
Kit Lundberg
Heather Meeker
Leah Smith

1. Public Comment –
 - Teen Oriented Events Follow-up
 - Lindsay Hughes asked Parks & Rec to support a “Game Night” aimed at teenagers aged 14-17 that would take place at the Town Hall on a Saturday from 5-8 pm. Carl Hetzel has agreed to be the primary chaperone. Financial support up to \$50 was requested of the Parks & Rec Board to cover the cost of refreshments and light snacks.
 - Town Clean-Up Day Proposal
 - Linda Mazza asked for the Park & Rec’s support for a Town-Wide Clean Up Day
 - The First Selectman has agreed to provide a dumpster, the Smithy has agreed to provide garbage bags and gloves, and the Library is looking to organize a planting activity as well.
 - It was agreed that the Town Clean-Up Day and Swap Meet should be held on the same day, April 24th and that both events should be merged together as a Springtime celebratory event.
 - Park & Rec will look into providing a grocery-style bag for each family participating
 - Park & Rec will ask Wamogo Graphics Department to help design signs reading “Clean-Up in Progress” to post along certain roads
 - We will ask Dan Dacey to help coordinate road clean-up assignments
 - We will finalize preparations at our next Park & Rec. meeting
 - Library’s request for support for a “Lego Camp”
 - It was agreed to support to purchase two lego sets @ \$75/each to help support this event
 - Park & Rec will be a sponsor of the event but likely will not provide additional financial support to other events organized by the Library this year that target young children
 - Discussion ensued on the type of events that Park & Rec should support and the need to better define the criteria we use to make decisions on which events to support
2. Secretary's Report
 - Review of Minutes from November Mtg.
3. Treasurer's Report – No report
4. Ideas for Teen-Oriented Events –

- The Board agreed to provide \$50 in support for the Game Night and to help promote the event through a flyer that would go out to Wamogo students and the Park & Rec e-mail list
5. Gardening Seminars Proposal
 - An initial series of 5 seminars are planned in conjunction with the 10% Garden Club – 3/13/10 – “Garden Planning,” 3/21 – “Local Dirt – How to Improve Your Soil,” 3/27/10 – “Seed Starting & Extending the Harvest,” 5/1/10 – “The Birds & The Bees: Raising Chickens & Beekeeping,” 5/8/10: “Basic Bread-Making: An Easy Way to Make Delicious Fresh Bread Every Day”
 - It was agreed that up to \$40 would be provide to buy refreshments and light snacks to enhance the social aspect of these events
 6. “Swap-Meet”
 - “See Above”
 7. 2010 Beach Discussion – Management & Guards
 - Discussion of the role of the Gate Guards & Life Guards ensued as well as the interest that two candidates have expressed in managing the Beach
 - It was decided to ask the Ally Piersall to act as Head Life Guard and schedule all Life Guards and Gate Guards. She will also be asked to run the swim program and possibly offer additional lessons after the usual 2 week lesson period. She will also be asked to look into organizing an exercise class for adults at the Beach.
 - Brittany Lechner will be asked to be the Head Gate Guard and staff the gate during the weekends. Her additional responsibilities would include selling beach stickers to residents on a check-only (no cash) basis and monitoring the playscape and park areas.
 - Hourly pay for these positions will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Increasing the fee for the first sticker from \$15 to \$20 was also discussed.
 8. Easter Egg Hunt
 - The event will be held on Sunday, 3/28. Kit will look into buying eggs and other small items
 9. Other business
 - A Town “Tractor Parade & Picnic” was proposed to be organized over the summer.