

**Draft Minutes of the New Durham Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monthly Meeting July 15, 2010 at the New Durham School**

**In attendance:**

Sheri Joy  
Kristyn Bernier  
Jennifer Nyman  
Dorothy Viesel

**Absent:**

Al Kohler  
Marcia Berry

**Kristyn Bernier called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.**

The Conservation Commission has approached Kristyn Bernier to attend the NDP&R Commission meeting in August for the purposes of looking at ways to combine efforts and work more closely together.

Sheri Joy reported that she is hopeful for the walking path to be completed by fall. The grant money was liquidated as a result of the State's economic situation, and the work that needs to be completed is being funded by the revolving Fund and volunteer labor.

The Rec Commission will be revisiting baseball fees as a result of the high cost of providing the program. League fees for all three leagues have gone up, equipment is very expensive, a considerable amount of work has been done to the fields, and the officiating line needs to be removed from the General Fund budget for 2011. Officiating is a big expense and the board will be addressing the cost at a future time to make certain costs are met. Kellie reported that she is now going through Babe Ruth and Steve Durrance in order to find patched officials, which has cut our costs as well as the amount of time the Rec Director needs to spend filling the slots.

Discussion ensued about looking at costs associated with stone dust for the path as well as other ballfield maintenance and upgrades, and the building or purchase of a shed. The Commission felt that these expenses are infrastructure and should be coming from General Fund as opposed to Revolving, particularly if the Revolving Fund is to be responsible for all programmatic costs.

Sheri Joy reminded the group that the water testing is to be completed twice annually, and that former town administrator Whittaker had advised that the Town Health Officer, Arthur Cappello would be responsible for that duty. Since the Commission has seen nothing in regard to documentation by way of State Reports or other record that this has been completed, Kellie will be following up on that.

Kellie Chase reported that the electric work at the ball field has been in progress and that now the flag pole is lit as it should be at night.

Discussion in regard to potentially having work sessions for the budget, as well as ideas for the beach and ballfield once Celebrate ND Day is done.

Date set for a work session to make certain Kellie has everything she needs by way of funding and help for Celebrate New Durham Day (August 7, 2010). The date for the work session was set for July 28, 2010. PO's to be signed at that time. All pertinent permits have been forwarded to the BOS. .

Kellie updated the Commission on events and Celebrate ND Day plans. A quick run down of events and the checklist for needs for the race and fireworks were assessed. All looked to be in order. The Commission commended Kellie for all of her work and terrific ideas, as well as the great activities that she has scheduled for residents. Feedback to Commissioners about Kellie's role in the community has been wonderful.

An issue regarding the raft at the beach was discussed, and it was decided to keep an eye on behavior in regard to residents using the raft. If need be, the issue can be re-visited if any further problem arises.

The State of NH will be doing a site visit for a conservation grant application intention that Kristyn submitted to assist in upgrading the ball field facility. A discussion ensued regarding a sprinkler system as there was a problem with how the manual watering occurred during baseball season. The group consensus was that we cannot justify an expensive system when there is full time maintenance staff for this type of function.

Kellie Chase brought a request to the group to consider bringing back a skate board park. Sheri Joy gave historical perspective on why the park is no longer in use. While there are many issues that need to be considered, the group felt that while we cannot support any fund raising efforts at this time, we would like the kids to brainstorm and do some trouble shooting in regard to the issues and then report back to the Commission. All felt it would be a good educational experience for teens to get involved and take ownership of such a project, and thus the Commission would be open to ideas.

Kellie advised the group that it appears as though the basketball court make-over will be completed with donated asphalt and labor.

Swim lessons are going well, and the beach staff has been terrific. They assisted with the end of the season baseball/softball cookout and have been a great help to Kellie as well as great role models for the children.

No non-public session was held.

No vote taken on any issue.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:45PM by K. Bernier, seconded by S. Joy. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Work session scheduled for Celebrate New Durham Day: July 28, 2010 @ 6:30PM at the ND School.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kristyn Bernier  
ND P&R Chair