

2007 Recreation Committee Minutes

A regular meeting of the 2007 Recreation Committee was held on **Tuesday, February 13, 2007** at The Woods Community Center. Alison Garcia, the chairperson for the committee, was present and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Alison Garcia	Committee Chairperson
Laura Gustafson	Member
Heather Parks	Member
Liz LaBarbera	Member
Steve Manning	Member
Jane Szerba	Member
Mike Dionne	Member
Dewey Marshall	Board President

Not present:

President's Report:

Dewey Marshall addressed the gate access issues. It was decided that Mike Dionne would provide a tennis roster at the start of each tennis session to both gates. Alison Garcia will get with both Woods tennis teams to try and obtain a league roster to help out with Saturday league matches.

Dewey Marshall also updated the committee on the status of the 2 bridges.

New business:

- Lifeguard Contract – We reviewed the lifeguard contract from Elite Amenities. Elite is the same lifeguard company we used last year. Everyone was happy with their services last year. The contract is for \$13,800 which falls within the proposed budget of \$15,000. **A motion was made by Liz LaBarbera (seconded by Heather Parks) to accept the Elite Amenities contract pending the addition of 3 lines items to include straightening of the chairs, disposing of the trash and straightening the restrooms each evening.**
- Lining the Soccer Fields – a Woods resident has requested that he be able to line the soccer field. It was decided that Alison Garcia would speak to him to get clarification on the lines. Steve Manning suggested that we only allow him to line half the field in order to leave a portion for other activities. This will be discussed further via e-mail once Alison gets clarification on the lines in order to present to the Board at the next meeting.
- Pool Furniture – Alison Garcia provided 2 quotes for additional pool furniture

from National Outdoor Furniture (the same company we got our furniture from last year so all the new furniture would match the existing furniture). The 2 quotes were: 1. 12 chaise lounges and 2 tables for a total cost of \$2,539.80 and, 2. 12 chaise lounges and 1 table for a total cost of \$1,907.80. It was also brought to our attention that we were in need of 5 new umbrellas. With this in mind, **a motion was made by Liz LaBarbera (seconded by Heather Parks) to accept the bid from National Outdoor Furniture for \$1,907.80.** Shopping will be done locally for the 5 umbrellas. This falls within the proposed budget of \$2,500 for pool furniture.

- Tennis Court Lifts – Per a letter received from Roger Bennett dated October 18, 2006, the tennis courts 1, 2, 3 and 4 are in desperate need of a lift. This process entails removal of all lines and the existing soft surface material above the crushed limestone base rock. The surface would then be compacted and replaced with artificial clay court surface material to restore the design slope and allow for proper drainage. Finally, new lines would be replaced. It is recommended that courts receive a lift every 10 years. Roger has had management check many times and to his knowledge, the courts have never been lifted since they were built 20+ years ago. Roger has repeatedly put ‘band aids’ on the courts by depositing more soft clay and raising the lines himself. However, we are now at a point where we are getting deterioration of the limestone base rock which could cause more extensive damage and be more expensive to fix in the long run. A bid was received on March 9, 2005 for \$4,800 to have the courts lifted. At that time, nothing was done with the bids. The recreation committee is asking the Board for approval to get new bids to have courts 1 and 2 lifted (courts 3 and 4 can be done next year for budget purposes). It is hard and long process getting contractors out to the Woods facility to do quotes, so we would like some sort of assurance (before the quotes are obtained) from the Board that assuming the quote is in line with the one received years ago, the courts will be resurfaced.
- Swim Team – The Woods will not host a swim team this summer. Jane Szerba (past coach) has prior summer commitments and Alison Garcia is not willing to run the program on her own. Alison is in negotiations with Queen’s Harbour to still allow Woods residents to swim at Queen’s Harbour. This will be discussed further at our next Recreation meeting.
- Easter – Heather Park was interested in organizing an Easter egg hunt for the children of the Woods on Saturday, April 7th. She is going to speak with Lori Abramson of WOW to discuss this further. She will write something up to be placed in the Woodsette to try and get volunteers and general community interest.
- Toddler Swings – It was brought to Alison’s attention that both toddler swings at the park are staining kids clothes due to some rotting of the material. Alison will check with Buddy on this.
- Secretary - It was decided that Liz LaBarbera would be the secretary of this committee.
- Meeting – Our next meeting will be March 6th. The meetings will be scheduled on the first Tuesday on every month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Alison Garcia