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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
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Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien – Vice Chairman, Rene King, Andy Gauthier, Kathy, Pina, Kevin Turner and Dan Proto

Commission Members Absent: Clyde Takala – Chairman

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m., roll call was taken. Kevin Turner made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 2nd, 2009 meeting, seconded by Andy Gauthier, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Officer Brian Morrison, of the Barnstable Police Department, member of the Kiwanis Club of Hyannis and Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis of New England, put forth a proposal for Ridgewood Park project in Hyannis. He has been in contact with Travis Armes of Game Time and is looking to update the playground at Ridgewood Park. All towns have new playgrounds except Hyannis. His proposal for new playground equipment can be installed on either block of the 2 block Ridgewood Park. Officer Morrison said that the quote of \$50,588.67 is for the playground equipment, safety surfacing, and one day of supervision, free of charge. He said that this is a big community project and that local fire and police departments have all agreed to help. **Kathy Pina** asked regarding the quote, how much is it going to be for next year. Officer Morrison believes it will not change for next year. **Andy Gauthier** asked about the black top at Ridgewood Park and if it can be reused. **David Curley** said that currently the park is not in good shape and that DPW maybe able to assist. **Kevin Turner** suggested that they take the black top out and keep the area as green space. **Dan Proto** asked if there was enough parking and if there was parking on the street. **Officer Morrison** said there was plenty of parking and that more parking could be made with edging along the park, putting up a fence to designate more parking. **David Curley** asked what age group this playground would be geared toward. Officer Morrison said it would be for Kindergarten to grade 5 children. **Joe O'Brien** asked if the Hyannis East playground was used. Officer Morrison said that it was and because of the basketball courts the big kids take over. **Kevin Turner** suggested a public hearing for the residents around Ridgewood Park to inform them of what would like to be done. **Kathy Pina** asked if a public hearing was held for the Centerville Recreation Building playground. Dave said that there was one held for that playground. **Kevin** suggested inviting Hyannis Civic Association. **Rene King** said that because they are targeting the younger age group, is another group being displaced. **Kevin** informed Rene that no other age group will be

displaced. **Kathy Pina** said that they should move quickly on this project and invite Officer Morrison to the next meeting and have a public hearing; she said the Recreation Commission is already in favor of updating Ridgewood Park. **Joe O'Brien** asked David to send out notices for the next meeting on April 6th, 2009 at 5:30 pm.

New Business: None.

Old Business: **Kevin Turner** asked about the Barrier Free Playground. **David** said that Suzanne Powers is in contact with him regularly and all is going well. Also, the condition of baseball fields was asked. **David** said that some fields will be worked on like Horace Mann. **Kathy Pina** asked if Osterville was on the list because it needs a lot of work. **David** said that yes either Tony or DPW will be working on that field. **Joe O'Brien** said that Wes Fries is on board with the Commission to honor Caroline Fries. Wes suggested the Commission to come up with an idea like naming a locker room for Caroline. **David Curley** said that Megan Frasier wants to plant a tree and have a bench with flowers and E.J. Jaxtiner wants to name a locker room after Caroline Fries so there is something inside and out for her. **Kathy Pina** asked what former Recreation Commissioner will be in attendance at the final skate program. A discussion took place on the set up of the final skate ceremonies. Who would speak, if all or any past Recreation Commission members would be listed on the program, and what time the final skate would take place. **Kathy** suggested that two final skates take place; one for family 4:30 pm to 6 pm and one for adults only from 7 pm to 9 pm. **David** said there was a group who wanted to rent the ice and play hockey after the final skate and would the Commission members have a problem with that. The Commission members felt that the final skate from 4:30 pm to 6 pm should be the final skate and no other group should follow the special event. **Rene King** suggested a video recorder be set up and people could be taped sharing a moment or thought about the rink.

Public Comment: None.

Director's Report: **David Curley** presented his Director's Report (see attached).

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2009. **Kevin Turner** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Andy Gauthier**; the motion was passed at 6:40 pm.

For Harold:

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