TOWN OF ROWE
PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 17, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32
PRESENT: Russell Jolly, Chair; Henry Dandeneau & Earl Carlow, Commissioners; Park Ranger Sean Loomis
ABSENT: None
AUDIENCE. Mary Jo Phelps, Laurie Pike, Lorretta Dionne

Approved & Signed Minutes of: Meting of January 10, 2008.
Audience of Citizens: Laurie Pike asked if a hula hoop instructor could be brought in and paid for from the fitness budget. Because of previous meeting where it was decided that money for the tennis court repair overage will be taken from this account, the answer was no.

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PARK RANGERS REPORT: (see attached)

- Browning Bench Tool Bids: Russ Donnelson (bidder) suggested putting a skirt board along the bottom to protect sills from the weather. The commissioners decided to look at the Browning Bench Tool building the following Tuesday at 8:30 am to check out the feasibility of a skirt board.
- Heat at the ranger's station: there is a 5 degree difference between the office and shop due, in part, to the method of ducting and return air to heater.
- Four fitness mats, posters, and exercise bands cost $240.00
- Surplus equipment at Browning Bench Tool: commissioners voted (3 yes, 0 no) to present the list to the Selectboard
- Sean tried the skating rink at Town Hall but weather was too warm. Will try again next week.
- Trail map signs, 18" x 14" cost $30 for each sign.
- Sean suggested that we get dumbbells to add to the fitness center. Commissioners decided to have Sean get some paper work describing suggested types.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The date for the snowmobile club's cookout at the park is set for February 17.
- Need to reduce Park FY09 budget by $400 to get it to 2.5% increase, which we were asked to do by the Selectboard. Reduced the line for portable toilets by $200 and the signage line by $200. Commissioners voted the reduction by 3 yes, 0 no.
- Commissioners asked Sean to give them a better idea where the money from the Operations part of the budget goes
- Sean has been working with the school ski program, going to Berkshire East on Thursday with the school children. Commission voted (2 yes 1 no) to have Sean not ski with the school children at the Park Department's expense.

NEW BUSINESS

- Capital Improvement Plan Reviewed CIP to se what change are required.
  - Structural work at Browning Bench Tool will cost $10,000 more than presently in CIP but won't require spending $5,000 every five years in the future—perhaps $500 each year
  - Line item for what will be needed for the well should be reduced to $200 per year
  - Line item for pavilion replacement should be reduced to $500 per year
  - Replace Park toilets in 2010 rather than 2018
  - Line item for play structure should be reduced
  - Eliminate item on line 164.
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Meeting Adjourned: 9:03 pm
The next meeting is scheduled : February 7, 2008

Respectfully submitted: Earl Carlow Date: 2/7/08

Approved:
Russell Jolly, Chair
Earl Carlow, Secretary
Henry Dandeneau