

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

October 11, 2011

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Brian Bosley, George Buck, and Helen Gallagher were also in attendance. Terry Lent was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to table the approval of the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting until November's meeting because only two members present this evening were also at the September meeting. Helen Gallagher made the said motion. Brian Bosley seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Cynthia Stevens reviewed the latest financial statement. \$760 will be paid for the carp and delivery. Mike Coleman will be submitting his bill for diving. There will be about \$276 left to cover the next water quality testing.
- It may be necessary to request a budget increase for FY2012-13 at the budget workshop in December.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

- Ball Pond Outlet
 - George Buck spoke about the beaver dam at the outlet. He will continue to dismantle it as the beavers build. Helen Gallagher asked about a "beaver deceiver". George Buck explained that that is a device used to protect openings from being closed off by dams.
- Town Park
 - Brian Bosley gave an update on the Park.
 - The fence is up and the front has been repaired.
 - The boat rack is still there. Discussion ensued about the best suggestions to offer to Parks & Recreation regarding boat storage at the Park.
 - George Buck would like to see a sticker system with rules and parameters similar to those used on Candlewood. It should be clear that it is not acceptable to chain boats to the fence and that any that are chained will be cut. Reinforcing that may be an issue.
 - Helen Gallagher thinks a sign should be posted as soon as possible saying that no boats should be left at the Park pending a process to be implemented in the Spring. She also is interested in the feasibility of installing a second boat rack.

- Cynthia Stevens recommends a lottery system to be announced in the Citizen News as Spring approaches. It should also be publicized that there is no parking available on-site.
 - Some residents have expressed interest in planting a garden and installing a bench at the Park. After discussing several options, the consensus of the group was to discourage plantings and just stick with the grass that will be maintained by Parks & Recreation. The installation of a bench seems desirable.
 - Brian Bosley will follow up with Steve Merullo. Cynthia Stevens will find out when Parks & Recreation will be meeting next and will request that the Ball Pond Town Park be added to the agenda (so that BPAC can publicly thank them and ask about the lottery system). She will also inquire about the feasibility of installing a memorial plaque on a bench on public property.
- Carp
 - George Buck reported that this carp re-stocking came together very quickly. Eighty, 10-12 inch triploid grass carp will be delivered early in the morning of October 12th. George Buck will meet the truck and bring them to the boat launch. He has contacted the police to inform them of the late-night delivery.
 - The group agreed that a comprehensive report of the grass carp program on Ball Pond should be written. A UCONN graduate student might be a good candidate to research and write the report.
- Pink water lilies
 - The Friends of Ball Pond have paid Bruce Lockhart to extract more water lilies. There are some still visible near Illion and the boat launch. Cynthia Stevens will follow up with him to see how much more work he has to do.
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that purple loosestrife is back and that more weevils are needed to combat it. She will contact Greg Bugbee from the Invasive Aquatic Plant Program at the State.

New Business:

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Brian Bosley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.; Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary