

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

**MINUTES**

April 12, 2011

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in the Town Hall Break Room.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011 regular meeting. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-1 (Motion Approved)

Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to approve the *revised* minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting when Darlene Anderson-Alexander brought to her attention the incorrect date written in the original minutes. Helen Gallagher made the said motion. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-1 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Cynthia Stevens reviewed the latest financial report. There is some confusion about open P.O.'s and remaining money. Cynthia Stevens will contact Ed Sbordone in Finance.
- Cynthia Stevens read a memo from the Planning Commission requesting feedback as they update their Plan of Development. Copies of the memo were distributed to Committee members. Cynthia Stevens asked that they review the information and comment via email so that she can respond to the Planning Commission by their deadline of April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Town Park
  - Cynthia Stevens reported that she clarified information regarding re-submitting the Merserve grant for review. The grant may be submitted again next year.
  - There has been a turnover in the Friends of Ball Pond and it is unclear if they will be able to provide a commitment to maintain the Park as it is established (i.e., weeding, watering)
  - After some discussion, the Committee agreed that Cynthia Stevens should write a letter to the Park and Recreation Department explaining that, at this point, BPAC does not have a guaranteed funding source or volunteer commitment to begin the Town Park project. Before submitting this letter, Cynthia Stevens will let the Friends know where BPAC stands.
- Carp restocking
  - George Buck will fill out the application for 100 carp. Cynthia Stevens will provide him with the name of the new person to contact.

New Business:

- Pink water lily strategy
  - Cynthia Stevens reported that she spoke with Donna Ellis, a Senior Extension Educator in the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture at the University of Connecticut, who referred her to George Knoecklein, a Lake Consultant from Northeast Aquatic Research. Cynthia Stevens is in the process of contacting Mr. Knoecklein.
  - Budget questions have to be cleared up before BPAC can commit to any water lily removal strategy.
  - George Buck will do an internet search to learn about the effects and side effects of using chemical deterrents to combat pink water lilies.

Other:

- Helen Gallagher asked how Ball Pond Brook is looking after the harsh winter. George Buck reported that it needs raking, but it looks okay.
- George Buck would like to see something written up about the 12<sup>th</sup> year of the grass carp program on Ball Pond (e.g., what has been learned, why it should be more widely-used)

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Terry Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.; George Buck seconded the motion.  
Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander  
Recording Secretary