

Crystal Pond Park Commission
Minutes from Meeting on April 6, 2022
Location: Woodstock Town Office Building - 6 pm
Submitted by David Barlow, Chairman

Members present: David Barlow, Bill Bradley, John Cimochoowski, Brian Griffin, Jillian Jette, Chuck Lee, Paul Oleszewski, Molly Thienel, Rick Torgeson

Members absent: (open position from Eastford)

1. The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:05 pm

2. Citizen Participation: Asa Scranton, a Woodstock resident, recounted times in his youth when he swam, fished and enjoyed great times at Crystal Pond. He is sorry to see the recent development around the Pond, is concerned about the environmental impact of leaving broken water balloons in the water, lighting fireworks over the Pond, and the use of jet skis and boats with large motors. He encouraged repairing the Trout Pond Dam to maintain the current wildlife habitat. He offered several suggestions for seeking additional funding for CPPC activities. The CPPC thanked Mr. Scranton for his input, and responded that while they agree with his concern for protecting the health of Crystal Pond, the Commission does not have any authority over the actions of landowners around the Pond. It is not the CPPC, but the Crystal Pond Association that controls the dam, regularly monitors the water quality, checks for invasive species, and encourages landowners to follow best practices. The Crystal Pond Association posts the results of its annual water quality study on its website.

3. Approval of Minutes from Mar 2, 2021 Meeting: Lee made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Cimochoowski. Passed unanimously.

4. Financial Report: Thienel reported that March revenues and expenses were \$2,427.00 and \$174.55, respectively. Cimochoowski moved to accept the report. Lee seconded. It passed unanimously.

5. Rental Update: Jette reviewed the current status of rentals. Rental interest has been high, with surprisingly several inquiries regarding reservations into next year (2023). There are currently 3 events scheduled for the coming month. October continues to be the most requested month.

Following discussion, Cimochoowski moved, and Lee seconded, that we rent the Lakeside Cabin independent of the Dining Hall with the following stipulations: Rental rate = \$50/day. Additional insurance is not required. Reservations will not be accepted more than 6 weeks out. No reservation deposit is required, but the full rental fee must be prepaid. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission decided to hire a cleaning service to prep facilities prior to rental events. Thienel will check with the Woodstock Treasurer whether they prefer/require hiring a company rather than an individual.

6. Maintenance and Management:

a. **Update:** On March 7th, the Chairman made a presentation to the Eastford BOS to acquaint new board members with the current status and recent progress made at the Park.

b. **Workday:** On April 23rd (starting at 9 am) the Commission will host a workday to clean up the grounds around the Dining Hall, restore water to the building, and clean the kitchen and bathrooms. We will also remove debris and branches from the disc golf course. All volunteers are welcome.

7. New Business: None

8. Motion to Adjourn: Lee made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Cimochoowski. The motion passed unanimously at 7:46 pm.