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**Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Town Hall, Room 5 at 7:00pm**

Attendance:

Committee Members: Ron Kern (RK), Pat Filmore (PF), Rita Mullin (RM), Sheila Sturdevant (SS), Sergio Coviello (SC), Billie Luker (BL).

Staff: Maureen Stevens (MS), Marty Tilton (MT), Lynne Clemens (LC), Maria Brown (MB)

Tardy:

Absent: Rick Arington (RA)

Call to order: 7:04pm; Quorum, called by RK

Audience of Citizens: LUC Committee Members: Ken Tarr (KT), Margie Salt (MS)

Special Committee Meeting:

A Special Committee Meeting was called to discuss the Shed at the Gazebo area of the Ipswich River Park.

RM began the discussion with her explanation of the Smith's Family donation gift to IRP of \$100,000. Money to be used for perpetual care. Mrs. Smith and Daughter, Brenda, were told that trailer was removed and to be replaced with a beautiful shed. Mrs. Smith's landscaper asked if the shed needs to be placed in the same spot. RM and Margie listened to them and wanted to bring this discussion to the P&R Committee.

Sub-Committee consisting of Rita Mullin, Sergio Coviello, Marty Tilton and Margie Salt.

Sub-Committee met at Reeds Ferry Shed to pick the most suitable shed to be placed at the current location of the trailer. Friends of North Reading Parks & Recreation has gifted North Reading Parks & Recreation \$25,000 to fund said shed. The sub-committee chose two viable options (Gambrel and Victorian styles) to vote on. The sub-committee vote was 3-1 Victorian Style (14x24). SC explained that the Victorian was the best look for the old trailer location. A decorative window is to be placed on the side of the shed. It will have a 4 foot loft, windows above garage door for sunlight and the option to have two doors on the right and left side of shed (**To be voted on**). The sub-committee was left with two colors (Spanish Moss and Slate). LUC left the color in the hands of the P&R committee. A vote was taken.

PF made a motion to accept the color "Spanish Moss" for the paint color of said "shed".

BL seconds the motion.

Approved: 5 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 0 Motion: Passed

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The potential install date is July 8, 2019. We will have a conflict with the Concert BBQ that is scheduled for June 26th. May need to find alternate storage for that first BBQ.

The price of the Victorian shed is \$16,300. This amount may change depending on how many doors we finally choose. The electrical work could be close to \$4,000.

RM began a discussion on moving the location of the shed per the request of the Smith Family. RK asked if the money was not on the table would moving the location of the shed be discussed. MT mentioned that Conservation has approved the current "footprint" location. They would have to approve the suggested area (left side of Gazebo). MT felt that the left side of the Gazebo is wet. SS had previously walked the site and agreed the left side does get very wet. PF is not in support of a change of location. It would change the aesthetics of the whole gazebo area and the BBQ. RM –bringing this to committee because she was approached by Smith Family. Margie Salt – did not like the trailer in the current location. If we have opportunity to move to opposite side it would blend in nicer. SC – suggested we meet at site and walk through. He felt we shouldn't think of the donation, but the best place for the shed. KT – felt that he didn't think the trailer would ever be removed. Since we cannot visualize what it could look like on the left side, we should possibly have a joint meeting between LUC and NRP&R Committee at the proposed location.

It was agreed that both committees will meet at the Gazebo area of Ipswich River Park on Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30pm. MT to meet with Conservation on Tuesday, prior to joint meeting.

RK has three actions he feels the Recreation Committee needs to accomplish:

1. Site visit with LUC to review site locations.
2. Discuss locations. Vote on location.
3. Order Shed.

RM placed deposit on the shed. We are now in the queue at Reeds Ferry with a possible July 8th delivery date.

Special Site Visit with both Recreation Committee and LUC: Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Next Recreation Committee Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2019

- **Adjournment:**

(PF) made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:49pm.

(SC) seconds the motion.

Approved: 6 Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion: Passed