

**Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 18, 2005**  
**Durham Town Hall – Council Chambers**  
**7:00 PM**

Attending: Ken Andersen, George Lamb, Neil Niman, John Parry, Frank Pilar.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Parry at 1919. There were no public comments. However, it was noted that the minutes of 16 June 2005 omitted the names of those attending, viz., Andersen, Byrne, Crooks, Lamb, Niman, Parry.

The minutes of the 16 June meeting were approved unanimously with the above addenda.

There was no meeting in July due to lack of a quorum.

I. a. Discussion of the Cedar Point Boat Ramp. It was noted that the town has legal right of access only. There have been public objections to using the ramp for other than launching boats. It is recommended that use of the boat ramp be limited to the hours from dawn to dusk and that overnight parking be prohibited. Appropriate police patrols at the area are recommended in order to discourage inappropriate use and behavior. It was suggested that site signage be improved and that a unique Durham logo be used. It was agreed that an attempt to limit the boat ramp use to Durham residents was not enforceable.

b. Jackson's Landing. The entrance to this site is extremely close to private property and it was suggested that perhaps the floating dock could be moved over to the east or perhaps rotated 90 deg. It would be desirable to turn the area just east of the launch ramp into a public picnic area, provided the ramp did not need to be relocated to this area. It was suggested that overnight parking of boat trailers would require a police permit.

c. Wiswall Dam. A copy of a communication from John Parry to Todd Selig was passed out. It was reported that Selig did not approve of item 3 that suggested installing a gate at the parking area which would be locked from dusk to dawn during high-use season, approximately May through September. It was strongly suggested that if parking space were expanded-- e.g. on west side of dam,--that bridge parking might be discouraged. It was noted that Durham's waterfronts need more public access. Recommendations for a Park Rules Signs were passed out and discussed.

II. A copy of an Action Plan for 2005-2006 was passed out and amended by postponing action on the three lowest priority items. Each activity was assigned to specific members of the P&R Committee. It was suggested that at our next meeting these members might report on their assigned activity.

III. Durham Days are planned for 18 September from 1 to 4 p.m. If willing to volunteer assistance, contact Nicole Moore.

IV. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was discussed briefly.

V. Grant applications for work on Longmarsh Road were discussed briefly.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.