

Town of Candia – Interoffice Memorandum

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Date: 4 May 2009 **To:** Board of Selectmen **From:** R. H. Snow

Subject: Parks & Recreation Monthly Report

Moore Park

The post ice storm damage cleanup of the park has been completed. CYAA, the Moore School athletic programs and other volunteers have completed their annual spring cleanup / field day. Richard McGregor and George Faust (Sunbelt equipment rental) took down two old hazardous pine trees and a smaller dead one near the entrance to the park at no cost to the town. I, Sherri McGregor and many other interested people witnessed the ceremony. The weather cooperated, although the day was a little windier than I would have liked. Appropriate appreciation for the volunteers will be handled in the future. The trees are being disposed of, either as logs or sugar wood, also at no cost to the town. The slash will be going this week, subject to the ability of the recycling center to take it in the burn pile. A brush pile is being left in the front part of the park as an exhibit for Ag Day at the school and a demonstration of wildlife habitat benefits from logging projects.

Summer Recreation Program

The M & C Child Learning Center of Candia has signed an agreement with the town to use Moore Park for a summer youth camp, similar to the previous town summer recreation program. The agreement provides a mutually beneficial method of achieving the goal of providing a safe and convenient program for our young people that can be both practical and affordable. The CYAA has agreed to negotiate the use of the field house with M & C for the program on rainy days.

Concerns, Issues and Questions

The bathrooms in the CYAA concession building will not be opening until I'm convinced that they are functional and safe. There was a broken toilet in one of the bathrooms, either from vandalism or as a result of water being left in the bowl and freezing. CYAA was working on it last week. It appeared that the sewer pump station was either not on or inoperative. I've reviewed the cost-sharing agreement between CYAA & the town for bathroom repairs. I'll be talking with CYAA this week about the bathrooms and testing the quality/safety of the water.

The concerns about behavior at the skateboard park that were a problem several years ago seem to have disappeared. Is that a correct assessment?