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Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2020
7:00 PM at 31 Arbor Way

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Cynthia Costanzo, Kevin Hayes, Sherry Kraus, Shay Drake, Christopher Weitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation; Stephanie Mather, Recording Secretary

AGENDA:

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Gordon Oliver, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES :** Nov. 13, 2019 regular meeting

MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (COSTANZO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2019 REGULAR MEETING.

IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None

V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Gordon Oliver, Tom Boscarino, and Cindy Costanzo received an email from Julia Connor in the First Selectman's Office regarding a notice of expired term. They have until Friday, January 10, 2020 to respond back. No response means they are staying on.

VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- A. **Welcome: New staff member Stephanie Mather:** Stephanie is working out great as the new Administrative Assistant for Parks and Recreation and Human Services.
- B. **Winter programs review:** The Winter & Spring 2020 Programs went out to schools this week.
- C. **Hunter Giroux Basketball Tournament: Jan. 17-18:** There will be two games held at Ellington Middle School on Friday, January 17, 2020 and two games held on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Tina does a great job getting sponsors and there are many sponsors for this tournament.
- D. **Eagle Scout project: Sandy beach guard shack:** John Gerlach created the Sandy Beach guard shack. He finished it early to mid-December.

- E. **Youth Lacrosse update:** Parks and Recreation started accepting applications for registrations and for coaches on January 1, 2020. There are currently forty players enrolled in the program.
- F. **Capital Improvement budget proposal: 2020-2021:** Discussed the five year plan that was created by Ellington Public Works. Some items on the list may need to be moved up. Mary stated that the seams on the basketball courts are popping up and need to be fixed.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Finance: Budget review:** None
- B. **Maintenance: Field usage:** Discussion of time slot availability in the gym for Recreation students. Tom Boscarino mentioned that the Parks and Recreation department should keep a folder of gym availability and cancellations. At the end of the season they can meet with the Principal or AD and discuss how Recreation students can have more time if there is a problem.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Discuss: Disc Golf course:** Sherry Kraus discussed that she likes the undeveloped Stein Road property for the disc golf course, but the parking still needs to be figured out. There would need to be about ten parking spots. The disc golf course would be a 9-hole course. Chris Weitz discussed the possibility of using the Wraight property. Tom Boscarino thought the Wraight property might be meant for farming.
- B. **Discuss: Donated Lights:** Christopher Weitz mentioned the BOE Capital Budget plan for field lighting for 2020-2021 is \$200,000.00.
- C. **Tedford Tribute Ad Hoc Committee:** Tom Boscarino stated that the Ad Hoc Committee will meet February 10, 2020 at DPW at 6:00 PM and he will update the Parks and Recreation Commission at the February 12, 2020 meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: None

X. ADJOURN

MOTION (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (WEITZ) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:25 PM.

Submitted By:

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Stephanie Mather