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## Parks and Recreation Commission

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Parks and Recreation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting: June 12, 2019  
7:00 PM at 31 Arbor Way

**Members Present:** Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Cynthia Costanzo, Sherry Kraus, Shay Drake  
**Others Present:** Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation

### AGENDA:

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Gordon Oliver, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:22PM.

II. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. **Non-Resident fee – swim lessons:** The Recreation Department received input from a Stafford resident who would like the non-resident swim lesson fee reduced for Stafford residents. The Park and Recreation Commission spoke regarding the non-resident swim lesson fee and determined the fees and rules for non-residents should stand as written.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 8, 2019 regular meeting**

MOVED BOSCARINO SECONDED KRAUS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2019 REGULAR MEETING.

IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None

V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None

VI. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- A. **Review of Spring/Summer programs:** Summer programs have started, and the spring programs are concluding. Crystal Lake Beach opens for the full season starting June 17, 2019 and the Ellington Summer Day Camp will begin on June 24, 2019. A discussion revolving around Ellington Lacrosse as it relates to the attendance policy, behavior, and A verse B Senior Boys Team was brought up with the commission. The commission felt that a discussion should be had with the Lacrosse Association President and coaches regarding the attendance policy and playing time. Dustin will speak with the Lacrosse President and the coaches for confirmation on some of the questions raised with the commission.
- B. **Fields update:** Brookside has been holding up well with the rainy weather. Pinney fields had to be temporarily shut down to the rain this spring season. Dustin and the Department of Public Works will be working on drainage and ways to help Pinney fields hold up better.
- C. **Wall of honor application:** Applications are due July 1, 2019. Cyndi will provide a copy to the commission of what will be submitted.
- D. **Scoreboard installation update:** There have been questions regarding the specific placement of the scoreboard for Pinney Fields. The commission felt that Chris Weitz knows where the scoreboard should be installed. Dustin will follow up with Chris and DPW.
- E. **Brookside Park walking trail:** The trails committee might incorporate the space behind the tennis courts to be added to the projected Brookside walking trail to make the trail a full mile loop.
- F. **Batz property update:** The Ellington Youth Services; Decide to be Kind will be hosting a Kindness Trail Clean-up Day on June 22 at the Batz property from 9:00am-11:00am. The Recreation Department's community garden is now full. Rachel Dearborn will be providing an outdoor exploration co-op camp this summer at the Batz property as well. This free program will be for

children ages five and up on Wednesdays from 9:00am-11:00am; June 19, 2019 through August 21, 2019.

- G. **New Rugged Farmer event date:** A new date for the Rugged Farmer has been set for Sunday, October 6, 2019.
- H. **Summer staff recommendations:** The Ellington Recreation Department has hired 22 summer day camp staff and 17 waterfront staff. Dustin noted they are following the wage scale that has been previously set but an adjustment may need to be made to that with the new projected minimum wage.
- I. **Department policy submissions:** The First Selectman's Office asked the Parks and Recreation Department and commission to review the policies that are on file. Dustin noted we have current files for each policy and that we will need to add the attendance policy to list. The commission members noted they will check to see if there are any additional policies that need to be reviewed.

VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **Finance: 2018-19 (revenue) budget review:** Dustin anticipates that there will be a surplus in the revenue for the 2018-2019 budget. The department will review how to use the funds.
- B. **Maintenance: Field usage:** No additional updates

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Discuss: Disc Golf course:** Sherry updated the commission on the disc golf. Sherry and Dustin walked several properties, and both felt that the Batz property would be the ideal location. Sherry noted that last she spoke with the trails committee they felt there wouldn't be space available at the location for disc golf. Dustin felt a decision on location should wait until after the ad hoc committee for the Tedford tribute makes a final decision. The commission agree and felt that a plan afterwards to be presented to the Board of Selectman would follow as their next step since the approximate timeline for installation would be roughly one year.
- B. **Discuss: Donated lights:** Dustin informed the committee he was told the light study was completed and that the donated lights would illuminate the entire football field. The next step is a soil study at the high school to determine what support will be necessary in order to support the lights. Dustin will continue to share additional updates with the commission.
- C. **Tedford tribute ad hoc committee:** Dustin, Tom, and Sherry updated the rest of the commission on the last meeting of the ad hoc committee. A few tribute ideas were discussed at the meeting. They informed the commission the next meeting was set for Tuesday, June 18, 2019 where the committee plans on selecting a tribute to present to the Board of Selectman. Additional updates will be shared with the Park and Rec Commission as they occur.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Highland (Stein road) property discussion:** No additional updates

X. **ADJOURN**

MOVED BOSCARINO SECONDED DRAKE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:42 PM.

Submitted By:

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