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Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2019
7:00 PM at 31 Arbor Way

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Cynthia Costanzo, Sherry Kraus, Christopher Weitz, Jennifer Mullin, Shay Drake (arrived 7:45 PM)

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Recreation Director; Mary Bartley, Recreation Assistant Director

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Gordon Oliver, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 13, 2019 meeting

MOVED WEITZ SECONDED COSTANZO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2019 MEETING.

- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None
- V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None
- VI. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:**
 - A. **2019-2020 FY budget update:**

Dustin Huguenin updated the Parks and Recreation Commission on the 2019-2020 FY budget. Cynthia Costanzo asked if the part time position remained as well as the necessary equipment for the lake to open. Dustin noted that both those items remained in the budget however the proposed funds for the beach equipment wouldn't be available until July 1, 2019 pending the budget passing. The commission spoke about their concern for the equipment needed for the beach to open safely and operate for the season.

B. Review of Spring programs:

Recreation Spring programs, as well as league programs, have begun.

C. Trails committee update:

Dustin was able to walk the Stein property as well as the Batz property. No new update regarding trails.

D. Review of community gardens at Batz property:

The community gardens should be tilled in the next week. Dustin is looking for a new volunteer for the children's garden for this year.

E. Summer concert series in place:

The summer concerts are set up for this year and the schedule will be going out in the new flyer that Youth Services and Parks and Recreation collaborated on.

F. Lacrosse game film proposal:

The Ellington Lacrosse Association wants to film a girl's junior's game at Piney fields. Dustin had the necessary departments approved the proposal and wanted to review with the commission any concerns they may have. The commission noted to be sure we had waivers for both teams signed and didn't know if it would be possible to film additional games. There were no other concerns with this proposal.

G. Attendance policy update :

Dustin will be having coaches from lacrosse as well as spring soccer email him weekly, beginning the week of April 22, 2019 with the attendance from practices and games to begin a log. He hopes to have additional data for our next meeting to discuss in regards to the policy.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance: 2018-19 (revenue) budget review :** No update
- B. Maintenance: Field usage:** No update
- C. Operations: Attendance (program) recommendations:** No update

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discuss: Disc Golf course:

Sherry Kraus reached out to the trails committee to see if she could attend a meeting to discuss a disc golf course. She noted the committee told her there was no property for disc golf at this time but would keep the idea in mind if any additional property was available. The commission felt that pinpointing a location and creating a draft to show the trails committee would be an appropriate next step. Dustin and Sherry will set up a time to meet to discuss and walk some of the properties to narrow down a location.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discuss: Donated lights:

Christopher Weitz discussed with the commission that Earthlight has two sets of lights that they want to donate to be installed on the high school football field. Earthlight will be completing a light study to be sure the two set of lights will be enough to light the entire field. There will be a minimal cost to the booster club for some necessary additional materials for the installation. Chris will continue to keep the commission updated as he hears more.

B. Tedford tribute ad hoc committee:

Gordon Oliver explained to the commission that a committee was formed for the Tedford tribute. He attended the Board of Selectman meeting and shared with the commission that we could elect two members to be part of the committee. In addition to the Parks and Recreation Commissions two members would be Dustin Huguenin, Timothy Webb, Felicia LaPlante, Lisa Houlihan, and up to two members of the Tedford family. The Parks and Recreation Commission felt that Sherry Kraus and Tom Boscarino should serve on this ad hoc committee.

X. ADJOURN

MOVED OLIVER SECONDED MULLIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:46 PM.

Submitted by:

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