



Monroe Parks and Recreation
Wolfe Park · Chalk Hill · Masuk Pool · Lake Zoar

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Monroe Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting 4/6/15

Called to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by T. Scott.

Present: T. Scott, D. Barbierrri, A. Csire, P. Tomchik, A. Lisi, T. Modaffari, T. Rooney, J. Pinto and Parks and Recreation Director F. Cooper. Absent: J. Stone.

Commission welcomes new member Jen Pinto. She has lived in Monroe for over 20 years and comes from Zoning Board of Appeals.

Minutes: March 2, 2015 Minutes. Motion [A. Csire, 2nd A. Lisi] to accept minutes. Passed 5-0-3.

Public Participation: None.

Director's Reports: A. 2014/2015 Budget Update

1. Voting tomorrow for 2015-16 proposed budget. Distributed copies of Board of Finance approved budget.
2. Keeping close eye on budget. Troublesome accounts – Repair & Maintenance and Vehicle Maintenance – will run out before EOY. Will not end year in the red. Weather caused increase in Repair & Maintenance account. These will be troublesome but our overall budget will be good.
3. Proposed budget includes a new position, Recreation Supervisor. As long as bottom line does not change, we can make changes internally. No reduction in budget expected.
4. Contra Account used to fund “work in progress” account. Like revolving door – what comes in, goes back out.

B. Program Report: March

1. Spring/Summer brochures have been mailed; also posted online. People still look for a paper copy. Printing and mailing per piece is \$0.87. Mailed to 6,000+ households. Eventually migrate to completely online.
2. We partner with Oxford and Shelton Parks and Recreation Departments for trips because they are more established. Their trip programs are successful.

3. Winter programs are pretty much over. We have already posted spring activities and have started some activities like our Aquacise class. Our enrollment is a little low but we have to move forward and not cancel to let people know that these programs are available.
4. Men's Over 35 Softball program has been expanded to 12 teams and two divisions. Will use East Village park fields in Shelton for Friday nights.
5. Men's Sunday Morning Softball program has 6 teams.
6. Women's Softball merging with Shelton for a combo league with 9 teams and two divisions, Shelton and Monroe.
7. Field scheduling is complete. No complaints.
8. Applications for employment are very heavy. No significant openings so many unfortunately will be disappointed.
9. Fields came through winter in pretty good shape overall. They are not fully open yet but hopeful for this week. Too wet in too many areas to open. Must prep the areas by sweeping turf of debris and applying field conditioners in the infields.

Park Maintenance worked on field #2 which is in great shape. Opened Field #2 today for public school use; Masuk is a mess.

10. Painting being done on bathroom walls and floors at pool bath house. Remodeling of former bathroom and vending machine area on pool deck. Would like all bathrooms to be ready by April 15th.
11. Great Hollow Lake is open to walk around. Bathrooms at lake not opened yet. Will have Health District come to test water next week.

C. Correspondence

1. Jantris Marketing – Monroe Chamber of Commerce wants to do a “Monroe Day” at the park in June or July. Parks and Recreation talked them into having it on Labor Day. Will be very similar to Trumbull Day.
2. Wesley Wheeler annual letter dated April 2, 2015 – seeking permission to have Trumbull Indian Ledge R.C. Club Float Fly activity at Great Hollow Lake on May 16 and September 26.

D. Other as Required – None.

Old Business:

A. Construction Projects – Updates

1. Fields – had meeting with TPA last Thursday and we are arranging a meeting with them to discuss the Planning & Zoning approval process. F. Cooper will meet with Planning and Zoning administrator Will Agresta, Scott Schatzlein, and Dave Sacco of TPA. We will be going over the application to make sure that it is as “perfect” as we can make it. There will be an in-house staff review of the application and if we do all of our work ahead of time it should pass right through and go on to the Planning & Zoning agenda for their deliberation. Probably will be some minor tweaking but hopefully nothing of any significance.

2. Splash Pad – Back burner item for this month. F. Cooper hopes to move it to the front of the stove shortly now that we are through the budget, brochure and field scheduling season.

B. Other as Required

1. Tennis courts/fencing - \$425,000 needed to fix. Don't want to waste money trying to repair.
2. Walls down at former bathroom and concession area at pool. Will bring football concession stand items over to this area. Use of space will be an asset to this area. Won't be ready until Spring 2016.

New Business:

A. Facility Requests

1. Another wedding request on September 10 from Noreen McElhony.
2. Motion [A. Csire, 2nd T. Modaffari] to approve 2015 picnic requests per sheet provided. Passed 8-0-0.

B. Other as Required

1. Dave Amaral from Bella Rosa – potential concession stand operator at Great Hollow Lake. Or food truck – have contacted a series of food trucks to assess their interest. Need something substantial for Wednesday night Character Dinners.

Adjournment:

Motion [A. Csire, 2nd T. Modaffari] to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Passed 8-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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