



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

**Parks & Recreation
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Monroe Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting 10/5/15

- Called to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by T. Scott.
- Present:** T. Scott, D. Barbierr, T. Modaffari, A. Csire, J. Pinto, P. Tomchik, and Parks and Recreation Director F. Cooper. Absent: A. Lisi, T. Rooney and J. Stone.
- Minutes:** September 14, 2015 Minutes. Motion [P. Tomchik, 2nd T. Modaffari] to accept minutes. Passed 4-0-2.
- Public Participation:** None.
- Director's Reports:**
- A. 2014/2015 Budget Update
 - 1. We are in good shape except for Vehicle Expense Account. Transfer funds from maintenance to cover. We have received two new maintenance vehicles. They will be used in spring. Will start discussing budget.
 - B. Program Report: September 2015
 - 1. Brochure is out. Some programs have started. Money makers are basketball and ski programs.
 - 2. Future Stars at 30 participants; 40 participants will be the maximum. This year at InSports with all kids at one time on the court. Saving money using InSports (approximately \$25/week). Chalk Hill being used by others.
 - 3. Girls Basketball – last year was tough because grouped grades 5 through 8 together. Will join Newtown this year so grades 5/6 can play together and grades 7/8 can play together. Registration will begin early. Ten to twelve games at John Reed Middle School in Newtown.
 - 4. New programs – Yoga/Pilates on Mondays and Essential Oils on Wednesdays.
 - 5. Adult Co-Ed Volleyball – Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
 - 6. Contacted Sue Muro regarding “Farm to Table” concept. Want to have a community supper. Hire chef, charge for dinner and use money for community. Have culinary students at Masuk help. Use Chalk Hill’s kitchen. One time event. Wine and beer pairing.

7. Camping program successful. Have ten sites but would like more. All types of people come to camp out. Trying to regulate the people coming in and out. Should only be in for four-day intervals.
 8. Maintenance working on outside of Senior Center. Planted flowers and plantings look great! Library is next on the list to beautify.
 9. Roof project completed at football field. New vehicles help to get things done.
 10. Going to put numbers on the field and possibly put "M" logo on field. Out of eight weeks of playing only two are away. AYF to pay for stencils.
 11. Getting ready for snow. Putting plan in place.
- C. Facility Use Report: September 2015
1. Girls softball wrapped up as well as Little League.
- D. Correspondence
1. S. Schatzlein applying for grant to allow us to extend the trail to connect the Maple Drive area to Purdy Hill Road. Total work will cost upwards to \$600,000.

Old Business:

A. Construction Projects – Updates

1. Fields

Issues that came at the last Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting:

- a. Bathrooms. Not happy with placement of bathroom. Portable bathrooms are planned to be there.
- b. Stonewalls. Wall behind tennis courts and Kids Creation playground. Planning and Zoning Commission wants all walls restored. Labor intensive – need to have some way to put stones back in stacking manner.
- c. Walking Path. Behind Kids Creation playground. We proposed emergency access at Park View. Planning and Zoning Commission is worried that EMS vehicles cannot get through. Their suggestion was to widen access.
- d. Area is wet where we will be working. Planning and Zoning Commission is worried that because it is too wet, trucks may get stuck. They want to use "drive mats" for access.
- e. Overflow Parking Lot. Lights? Yes. Permit? No. There are 348 parking spaces. Planning and Zoning Commission questioned whether there is a permit to even have parking lot. We would have to prove that a permit exists. Everyone knew about the lot, so why question now? Planning and Zoning Commission should have called this out from the beginning.

Going to try and get approval at the October 15th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. As we try to overcome the overflow parking lot obstacle, we will have to shut down all sporting events that utilize this parking lot. We will need to bring it to a vote.

- f. Bleachers. No plan at this time for bleachers. No need for bleachers.

- g. Sunken Road behind area that has historical significance. Planning and Zoning Commission wants Parks and Recreation to put up a fence.
- h. Lights for Park. No plans at this time.
- i. Handicap Accessibility. Can people in wheelchairs and scooters utilize it? ADA compliant.

2. Other

Concession Stand project by pool area: Dave Ball and Tom DiBlasi coming up with plans.

New Business:

A. Facility Requests

- 1. Two October picnics approved.
- 2. Chalk Hill – Library, Public Works, Food Pantry, EMS and Town Council all met to talk about what to do with Chalk Hill. Options include knock down or moth ball it. What else? Come up with ideas. Building is in good shape. Possible community center, after school activity center, university (college), driving school, art and imagination program, move senior center.

Adjournment:

Motion [A. Csire, 2nd T. Modaffari] to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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