



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 12/7/15**

Called to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by T. Scott.

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

Minutes: October 5, 2015 Minutes. Motion [P. Tomchik, 2nd A. Csire] to accept minutes. Passed 4-0-1.

Public Participation: A. Rick Henderson (90 Forest Road, Monroe, CT)
Masuk Turf Fields Subcommittee for Board of Education

Trying to be a front runner of alternative synthetic turf rather than playing catch-up or “following the next” guy. Maintenance will drop (approximate annual cost \$30,000). Maintenance cost: approximate annual cost \$7,000. Crumb rubber vs. alternate in fill (sand, cork, coconut).

Project Breakdown:	Field	\$600,000 (30%)
	Earthwork/Drainage	\$500,000 (25%)
	Lighting/Audio/Security	\$500,000 (25%)
	Track & Field Improvements	\$400,000 (20%)

Entire Project: \$2 million

Need to raise funds for this project.

Director’s Reports: A. Budget Report: October – November

1. Spending at a higher rate than previous years mostly because of vehicles. Weather is also causing increase because of warm weather fixing infield. Field #4 getting re-graded. Budget still in good shape. In red in vehicle expense.
2. Proposed Budget for 2016/2017: Town expenses being “unbundled.” Town did a lot of bundling – 2016/2017 unbundled. Need to start putting money into appropriate categories.

B. Program Report: October – November

1. Ski and Snowboard program is lagging. We think because of weather.

2. Basketball League – 425 participants in lower grades. High School Basketball has 26 participants currently; need two more to have league.

Girls grade 3/4: 44
Girls grade 5-8: 60
Boys grade 3/4: 66
Boys grade 5/6: 79
Boys grade 7/8: 60

Future Stars Basketball for grades K-2 has 90 participants; two sessions with 45 kids in each.

3. Other programs going well.

C. Facility Use Report: October – November

1. Going well. All weddings went well.
2. We schedule for Chalk Hill School. YMCA Travel Program now; Monroe Travel Basketball, Friday night practices and games on Saturday. Newtown is using Chalk Hill on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30-7:00 pm.

D. Wolfe Park Revenue Report

1. Passes sold dropped but revenue increased due to rate increases.

E. Picnic Report

1. 2015 did better than last year
Nonresident picnic revenue: 49% 2014 and 43% 2015

F. Correspondence – None

Old Business:

A. Construction Projects – Updates

1. Fields
Come too far to turn back. Parking lot already surveyed. Dave Sacco/TPA wants to be prepared for next round of meetings. Want to get things passed.

Area of concern is parking lot. Lighting needs to be addressed (“dark sky” concept). Going back to Planning and Zoning or Inland/Wetlands in July. Worried about bonding expiring.
2. Concession Stands
Reviewed plans: outside order window, 16’ x 40’ deck for pool users, additional seating on deck off parking lot. Trying to get a jump start on concession stand now. Nominal cost to make changes for food service. Will be a nice addition to park.
3. Kids Kreation Playground
Needs repair. Need to bring it up to speed. Over 23 years old. Need plan. Hope to do in spring piece by piece.
4. Splash Pad
We should know cost of fields shortly and then we can figure out the plan for the Splash Pad. Need to do 824 and go back to Planning and Zoning.

New Business:

- A. 2016 Seasonal Fees
Revisit at next meeting. Staff gave feedback. Recommended to hold off. Due in February. Hours to change back to 10 am to 8 pm. Hours will only change if new budget passes.
- B. Rules for Rails to Trails
Dog waste on trails is a problem. Need new rules for the trail once new trail is established.
- C. Commission Officers
Need to elect officers in January.
- D. 2016 Commission Meeting Schedule
January 4
February 1
March 7
April 4
May 2
June 6 (Tour Day)
July 18
August – no meeting
September 12
October 3
November 7
December 5

Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings at Senior Center at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Motion [A. Csire, 2nd A. Lisi] to adjourn at 9:26 pm. Passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Barbierri, Monroe Parks and Recreation Commission