



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 2/1/16

- Called to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by T. Scott.
- Present:** T. Scott, D. Barbierrri, A. Csire, J. Iannucci, A. Lisi, J. Pinto, T. Rooney (Town Council Liaison) and Parks and Recreation Director F. Cooper. Absent: P. Tomchik and T. Modaffari.
- Minutes:** January 4, 2016 Minutes. Motion [A. Lisi, 2nd A. Csire] to accept minutes. Passed 5-0-1.
- Public Participation:** None
- Director's Reports:** J. Iannucci is new sworn Parks and Recreation Commission member. Still one spot vacant for Commission.
- A. Budget Update
1. Vehicle Expense is critical account.
 2. 2016-2017 Budget has been submitted to First Selectman S. Vavrek. \$1.2 million more than First Selectman would like – need to look at again and cut. In order to make required cuts, the starting time for the Ron Wallisa pool at Wolfe Park will remain at 12:00 pm during the week and \$10,000 from the lifeguard item will be returned to the First Selectman. In addition another \$12,000 will be cut from the Equipment Maintenance and Repair account. Total cut from Parks and Recreation: \$22,000. This is all we can do.
- B. Program Report: January
1. Ski and Snowboard program still going despite warm weather.
 2. Basketball Leagues going well. Had cancellation of Saturday programs January 23 due to snow storm. Makeup date for those activities is March 5. All other programs going well.
 3. Learn to Skate program is new and is proceeding with 15 participants at the Rinks at Shelton.
 4. Adding Webb Mountain to the program guide. Pushing the use of that location. We have been maintaining the property and getting ready for next season. Gorgeous location utilizing the campground. Fee to camp is \$10 per night per site. Some weekends it sells out. Scouts use it also.

C. Facility Use Report – None.

D. Correspondence – None.

Old Business:

A. Construction Projects – Updates

1. Fields

Not moving forward at this time with the field progress. The field is directly related to the work that is required in the overflow parking lot.

2. Parking Lot

Decision was made at the First Selectman's Office that the Town's Engineer would do the necessary work in designing the Overflow lot. This assignment would save a portion of the requested \$25,000 from TPA to do the work. There will be costs associated with the mapping and field work already done by TPA in order to move forward on the project. Lot to be done by spring hopefully. Plans to show possible new entrance and egress – right now too narrow for both uses. Planning for Spring bidding.

3. Kids Kreation Playground

Going to work on it piece by piece a little at a time. Hoping to have new swing in spring. Want to put a plan together to do a little over time.

4. Concession Conversion

Because it is a new use of the facility, had to get 824 permission for special exception permit. Got approval of 824. Planning and Zoning needs to approve. We don't anticipate any reason Planning and Zoning will turn it down. Mr. Diblasi to provide structural design and calculations for deck portion of the design. Moving forward with interior demolition in anticipation of the approval. Great winter project for Park staff members. Health Department to visit on 2/4/16 to give recommendations.

5. Splash Pad

Hoping that the Splash Pad will move forward but it is not going to be ready for this season. Because we are using recirculated water in the pad it is viewed as a swimming pool with health regulations around it. Really need to have it ready for 2017-2018 season.

6. Chalk Hill Update

Town of Newtown provided an operating cost spreadsheet for the last two years' expenses. Total operating fee by Newtown were averaging \$270,000 as a full use school facility. \$231,000 program fees (gross) taken in for Parks and Recreation programs that could be done in Chalk Hill School. Proposed an afterschool program housed at Chalk Hill School as a new program for the facility to offset operational costs of the building.

New Business:

A. 9/0 approval of 824.

B. 9/0 approval for new position of Recreation Supervisor. March on board. \$45,286 full time salary. Strong aquatic background is critical for this position.

Adjournment:

Motion [A. Lisi, 2nd A. Csire] to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Passed 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Barbierri, Monroe Parks and Recreation Commission