



Monroe Parks and Recreation

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Monroe Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting 3/7/16

- Called to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by T. Scott.
- Present:** T. Scott, A. Csire, J. Iannucci, A. Lisi, J. Pinto, P. Tomchik, T. Modaffari, T. Rooney (Town Council Liaison) and Parks and Recreation Director F. Cooper. Absent: D. Barbierrri. New Commission member, Jamie Cardinale, not present – unknown if she is sworn in.
- Minutes:** February 1, 2016 Minutes. Motion [A. Lisi, 2nd A. Csire] to accept minutes. Passed 5-0-2.
- Public Participation:** None
- Director's Reports:**
- A. Budget Update
 - 1. Last quarter of budget.
 - 2. Internal transfers submitted to First Selectman Steve Vavrek. Will be healthy heading into last part of year.
 - 3. Vehicle expense account is critical.
 - 4. 2016-2017 Budget looks like no significant cuts. Has to go before Board of Finance and also Town vote.
 - 5. Tennis Courts – financially ready to go; have to get on schedule with selected vendor.
 - B. Recreation Department Reports: February
 - 1. Future Stars went very well; over 90 participants.
 - 2. Basketball season now winding down into playoffs. "First Selectman's Basketball Game" being hosted by Monroe: Newtown vs. Monroe (boys grade 7/8).
 - 3. Spoke with golf pro/instructor on getting special rates for Monroe residents utilizing a card when playing at Whitney Farms. Email blast for this program.
 - 4. Junior Golf Academy also proposed.
 - 5. Holding interviews for Recreation Supervisor this week with 8-10 applicants. Hope to get that down to 2-3 applicants.

6. June 17th is starting date for concerts at Wolfe Park. Will have a few more concerts this summer. Will be a fun summer with five straight concerts to start the season.
7. Summer Fun Days – already registering and we haven't put out flyers yet.
8. Aquatics Program – averaging 28 people per session. Has taken off nicely. This program has remained steady throughout the season.
9. Going to try a spring art program at Jockey Hollow School. See if we can generate interest.
10. Currently in process of putting together a field schedule for all our sports teams. Hopefully we can put this up on the website.

C. Parks Department

1. In the process of cleaning and clearing Wolfe Park and Webb Mountain. Getting parks ready for the weather break. Then we will switch attention to Town green, etc.
2. Will be bringing in the gardener this week.
3. Cleaned up at Great Hollow Lake especially on the path from parking lot to field.
4. Tennis courts –poles rusted and snapped causing more damage as they came down. Do not want to fix now – just temporarily fix until we get courts fixed all together.

D. Facility Use – None.

E. Correspondence

1. Kristy Macelveen
Regarding Future Stars – was raving about coaches and program.
2. Jack Zamry, Director of Facilities for Board of Education
Looking at moving the playground at Chalk Hill to Fawn Hollow. Meeting this Thursday, March 10, to discuss this move with department heads.

Old Business:

A. Construction Projects – Updates

1. Fields/Parking Lot
Drawing up plans for presentation to Planning & Zoning. Making sure all plans will be accurate so they can be passed first time around. Hopefully by end of April for Planning & Zone. Goal is to go to bid and break ground this year. This started in 2012 so hopeful this will happen by summer.
2. Kids Kreation Playground
Spring inspection soon. Review budget towards end of year so we can start purchase orders on a new spring.
3. Concession Conversion
Met on March 3rd with vendor and Health Department to get all in order. Want in operation by July. Spoke with Mr. DiBlasi to get deck done.

4. Chalk Hill Update

Sandy Hook is definitely leaving. Need a program ready to sell by end of school year. Want an after school program called "After the Bell" between the hours of 3-3:30 to 6-6:30 Monday through Friday. Have homework, art programs and some sort of physical activity. Working with the Boys & Girls Club.

Also ASAP – "After School Activity Programs." This is more specialized programming for kids. There will be daily kids who come every day and also broken down so parents can choose specialty programs a few days a week for the kids. This is still a work in progress. Focus on middle schoolers who are most at risk. Plan on a fall start for this program. Funding appears to be there to keep Chalk Hill open for at least a year.

New Business:

A. Facility Requests

1. Picnic requests coming in already. Facility requests were reviewed. Westport Precision – 2015 credit. Motion [T. Scott, 2nd T Modaffari] to approve 2016 picnic requests.

Adjournment:

Motion [T. Scott, 2nd J. Pinto] to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Pinto, Monroe Parks and Recreation Commission