



Monroe Parks and Recreation

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Monroe Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting 7/18/16

- Called to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by T. Scott.
- Present:** T. Scott, A. Lisi, A. Csire, J. Pinto, P. Tomchik, T. Modaffari, D. Barbierrri, Parks and Recreation Director F. Cooper and Recreation Supervisor P. Quinlan. Absent: J. Iannucci and J. Cardinale.
- Minutes:** June 6, 2016 Minutes. Motion [A. Lisi, 2nd P. Tomchik] to accept minutes. Passed 5-0-2.
- Public Participation:** None.
- Director's Reports:**
- A. Budget Update
 - 1. Came out looking good. Will end year not in the red.
 - 2. July 1st begins 2016-2017 Budget year. Very happy where we ended up.
 - B. Recreation Department Reports: June
 - 1. Aquatics program – going well.
 - 2. Summer Basketball – 39 total, going well.
 - 3. Skyhawks – 74 participants, going well.
 - 4. Studio On The Move – 37 participants, going well.
 - 5. Summer Fun Days – 78 participants, 22 extended care.
 - 6. 4th of July Party – successful. Pool packed and raffle made \$300.
 - 7. Webb Mountain – camping going well.
 - 8. Summer Concert Series – first concert (TUSK) and last (Eagles tribute band) were the best attended. Have good feel for what people like to hear. Charter came and filmed The Sounds of Frank and Eaglemania.
- Only negative comment regarding the summer concerts was the Port-O-Potty was not clean. Five concerts may have been too many to manage. Four might be more manageable.

9. Character Dinners going great. Entertainer SteveSongs very popular.
10. Race for Chase – race on July 10th with 300 kids participating. A great day.
11. Kennedy Center wants to have a “Run for Autism” on September 24th at the lake.

C. Parks Report

1. Aeration of the park and seeding the lawn.
2. Football field looks good. Yard marking on field for football (numerals only).
3. Tree pruning at Webb Mountain, at the lake and at the park.
4. Increased parking lot at the lake turnoff.
5. Gardening crew very busy. New beautification projects at Library and Senior Center.
6. Starting woodland garden at Cedar Grove. Things such as mountain laurels and astilbes being planted.
7. Expanding Chase Kowalski’s area. Making it a lot bigger. Would like to put a bench like the ones on the trail there.

D. Facility Use Reports: June

1. Little League using Field #1 – all star practice.
2. CT Mustangs playing softball.
3. Top Hats using #2.
4. Men’s league playing.

E. Correspondence – None.

Old Business:

A. Construction Projects – Updates

1. Fields & Parking Lot
TPA putting together a lighting assessment. Will be out on Wednesday. How much lighting is needed on lot and walkway.
2. Concession Conversion
Moving along. Everything in place. Requisition in. Will be open before pool closes for the season. Tom DiBlasi working on the deck. Ran into a couple of issues that he is working through regarding footings.
3. Chalk Hill Update
First Selectman S. Vavrek put forth a plan. Probate Court looking to use some of the space for probate. Sandy Hook to move out completely on August 28th. Final walk through.
4. Tennis Courts
Project cost will exceed \$400,000 for eight courts. Amend capital improvement request to include tennis courts. If we do four courts, it needs to be done by the end of August – no later. Courts need one month to cure. Waiting to possibly do all eight

courts with money saved in Hartford account. Procedure is different and can cause issues with Town Council.

New Business:

A. Facility Requests

1. Motion [A. Csire, 2nd T. Modaffari] to approve 2016 picnic requests (13 picnics in July, 14 picnics in August, 12 picnics in September). Passed 7-0-0.

Adjournment:

Motion [T. Modaffari, 2nd J. Pinto] to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Barbierri
Monroe Parks and Recreation Commission