

# PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

## Minutes

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TOWN CLERK

**PRESENT:** Meghan O'Connor, Laura Ferguson, Patrick Morton, Bill Pullan, Lou Valenti, Rachael McGrath and Eileen Earle.

**ABSENT:** Angelo Franzese, and Gary Regan.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meghan O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:33p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes for April 21, 2015 was accepted on a motion by Pat Morton, seconded by Bill Pullan, abstained by Laura Ferguson, and Lou Valenti, and then approved by the remaining members.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PAYROLL AND INCOME:** The Expenditures Report was reviewed and adjustments are still to be made to the Office Expense and Programs Account. The Cash balance report shows a \$9,370 increase over this same time last year. The increase is due to the Summer Camp Registrations. On a motion by Laura Ferguson and seconded by Lou Valenti, the Cash Balance Report was accepted and unanimously approved by all members present.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Application for Community use of Parks & Rec. Outdoor Facilities was received from the Northeastern Conference for use of the H.S. Track on June 28 for their track meet. The meet will be from 9-5p.m. and will have an estimated attendance of 300 people. After some discussion a fee was determined and the application was approved.
- Application also received from Krista Herczeg to hold a fitness class in the Educational park near the track on Mon. & Thurs. night from 5:15p.m.-6:30p.m., during the summer months. A fee and location was discussed. Application approved.

**PROGRAMS:** The spring Mini-session programs are going well with full enrollment in the Preschool classes and will be ending the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June. We are currently taking registrations for playground and summer sports camps. Summer camp staff has been hired and the staff orientation is scheduled for Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Rachael is working on the Fall Flyer and also has completed her training course for the new software program which will allow us to have online registration with the use of credit cards starting this September.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- High School sports have two weeks left in the season and state is scheduled for next week.
- The tractor over-seeder was received.
- Meckauer Park, one garage was taken down and the second garage was repaired and will be painted in two weeks.
- The Blue Star Memorial Garden dedication is at 1:00p.m., Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

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**ROAD RACE:** The John DeMille 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Firecracker Road Race is Saturday, July 4. This year we will have a 5k and 10k race plus the mini cracker race, with the start and finish line on School Street in front of the Municipal Center. All race proceeds will go to the Scotty Fund and Ben's Bells.

**SWIM TEAM:** In order to have a Swim Team this year we will need to have 30 kids sign up by next week. Rachael will send out an email to the schools to promote the team and Eileen will check if we can team up with another town.

**DOG PARK:** The Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Bethel Bark Park located in Meckauer Park is at 9:00a.m., Saturday morning, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The building was recently painted by Leo Gallagher and the dog donation mural was painted by the girl scouts with help from a volunteer artist. The water has been hooked up, the fake fire hydrant added to the park, signage ordered and benches will be built at a later time.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Lou Valenti made a motion which was seconded by Pat Morton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The next Parks and Rec. Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Beote, Recording Secretary