

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting September 19, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Lou Stamp at 5:30p.m.

I. Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Joe Capucci, Al Centone, Suzanne Lewis, Frank Montagna,
Michael Pomichter, Susan Puzycki, Mary Lou Stamp.

Staff Present : Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation
Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works
Carla Riccio, Secretary

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Michael Pomichter made a motion to accept the May 16, 2011 minutes, seconded by Al Centone.

III. Correspondence:

USAELITE Softball Request: Ms. Sadosky is currently in correspondence with the USA Elite organization. They have requested use once again of the North Haven Gateway Complex and Board of Education fields for their July 2012 tournament.

This item is addressed under New Business.

IV. Director's Report/ Old Business:

Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation

A tremendous number of participants were enrolled in this year's summer programs. The playground programs were held at Clintonville, Montowese and Ridge Road schools. Each site averaged over 100 children on a daily basis. The Day Camp program, held at the Recreation Center, accommodated an average of 75 children for each of the 6 weeks. The Little Rec'ers program hit the maximum number several weeks. The sport camps were very popular, especially volleyball and softball.

The "Music Under the Stars" concert series concluded on August 23, 2011. All concerts were extremely well attended. Recreation received great feedback from the public. Ms. Pettit gave a special thanks to all the corporate sponsors for their continued support, as well as thanked Police, Fire and Public Works for their assistance at each concert. Ms. Pettit indicated that after discussions with Mike Freda, it has been decided to add another concert to the series, bringing the total number of summer concerts to 10. The concerts will start as usual, the last Tuesday in June and finish on the Tuesday before Labor Day.

Swim lessons went very well. Ms. Pettit reported that over 100 children had taking lessons during the summer.

The adult softball league ended on September 9th.

Ms. Pettit mentioned at the May Commission meeting that repairs to the pool roof were pending. A roof over lay was installed during the summer. The problem area has been the flat roof over the locker rooms. Since the work was completed, Ms. Pettit reported there have been no leaks. Even with the force of Irene, the roof held up.

An energy study was completed on the Recreation Center and Pool in June. In August, energy efficient lighting was installed throughout both buildings.

After the summer programs concluded, Recreation went into their shut down schedule. During the week of August 15th, the pool was closed. No major issues were reported this year. The pool was drained, and an inspection of the tiles, plugs, and drain showed all was in good condition. Damaged tiles on the pool deck were replaced. This is typical maintenance that is done every August.

During the following two weeks, the Recreation Center was cleaned from floor to ceiling. Ms. Pettit acknowledged the fine work of their maintenance man Rich Gaudio, as he is solely responsible for the cleaning of the Pool and the Recreation Center.

Summer pool hours ended September 3rd. Fall hours are now in effect.

Registration is underway for fall recreation and pool programs. Many programs will begin in the next week or so. Ms. Pettit distributed Fall brochures to the commissioners.

Moppet Minders Nursery School, which is licensed by the State of CT Dept. of Public Health, began on Sept. 8th and will continue through June.

The track lights are on at the Mike Vanacore Field. Lights will be on Monday through Thursday evenings, as weather permits, until December 16th. An attendant monitors that proper foot attire is worn, there are no pets, and all the other posted rules are adhered to. Ms. Pettit distributed a flyer to the members of the commission.

North Haven High School Girls swim team began their season on September 1st.
(M-F – 2:30 - 5:00 PM)

Hamden North Haven Swim team began their practices today. (M-W-F – 5-7 PM/Sat. 6:30-8:30 AM)

A new program that is currently being offered is a senior aqua aerobics class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the Senior Swim time. No charge to seniors with a current yearly membership. There is a \$4.00 charge for those who don't have a membership.

The annual Halloween Party is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 31, 2011, from 4:30 – 6:00 PM. There will be face painting, refreshments, pictures with the Great Pumpkin and entertainment. McDonald's of Washington Avenue is again co-sponsoring this event. The commissioners are cordially invited to attend.

Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works

The Department of Public Works continues to complete its efforts of Town-wide storm debris clean-up, including trees and branches that were damaged or deposited on Town Parks during Hurricane Irene. A total of 126 miles of roadway are being addressed.

Max Sinoway Baseball closed out its Spring - Summer Baseball Season on Montowese, Gateway, Green Acres, Clintonville School, Brook Field, and Bailey Road fields on July 30, 2011. Max Sinoway's Fall Baseball program started September 2nd and will continue through November 6, 2011.

The Department of Public Works provided the Town's Showmobile to the Sons and Daughter's of Italy event, which occurred on August 25th through the 28th, 2011.

North Haven Lacrosse completed its Spring – Summer season on the Aces, Vanacore, Recreation fields on June 28, 2011.

North Haven Soccer Club completed its Spring – Summer program on Memorial, Rock Road and Ridge Road fields on June 26, 2011. North Haven Soccer Fall sports program started August 26th and will continue through November 20, 2011.

Public Works completed field preparations for the Recreation Special Olympics on Green Acres field from June 15th through September 7, 2011.

Recreation Softball completed its Summer season on the Gateway Complex, Grover Wyman and North Haven High School fields. Fields were utilized through September 9, 2011.

North Haven Girls' Softball Sundown League completed its Spring – Summer season on Gateway Fields 2 – 7 on July 31.

The West Ridge Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Summer Picnic at the Temple Pines Park on August 20, 2011.

North Haven Youth Football started its Fall season on the Gateway Complex on July 18, 2011 and will continue through November 12th, 2011. games will also be played on Vanacore Field, schedules permitting.

Flag Football started its Fall program on September 9th at Grover Wyman (every Friday) and will continue through October 28th. The championship game will be held on October 29th, 2011 at Vanacore Field.

USAELITE Softball held the first of its college recruiting softball events on July 14th – 17th, 2011. This event drew thousands of recruits, their families, coaches and members of the public to North Haven for the 4-day event. If approved by the Commission and Town again for July 2012, management at USA Elite plan to host the event in North Haven again.

The annual Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon with approvals from the Commission, is scheduled to be held on the Town Green for Sunday, September 18, 2011.

The Department of Public Works provided the Town's Showmobile to the North Haven Fair Association for the annual North Haven Fair event, which occurred on and September 8th through September 11, 2011.

Discussions continue regarding the placement of a Dog Park in the Town of North Haven and the possibility of using the rear of the Grover Wyman Park. To date the 'Paws in the Park' volunteers have received the necessary signatures from surrounding neighbors in support of the project but continue to work with the Town's Land Use Department in an effort to solicit a Zoning Approval (Section 8-24).

Sweetheart Ice Cream: Ms. Sadosky reported that she has received no further correspondence from Sweetheart Ice Cream.

V. New Business

Ms. Sadosky also reminded the Commission that the Annual Town meeting will be taking place next Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00pm at North Haven High School. Ms. Sadosky encouraged the commission members to attend, as well as encouraged the commissioners to help spread the word to their neighbors.

USAELITE Softball Request: The USA Elite organization would like to again use the North Haven Gateway Complex and Board of Education fields for the July 2012 tournament. Ms. Sadosky is still working on confirming and coordinating the details with USA Elite and the Board of Education, however just wanted to make the commission aware of the request. The intention is to vote on this request at the next meeting.

Sports League Subsidy Request Deadline: At the May 16th meeting, in light of the North Haven Lacrosse subsidy request received, Chair Mary Lou Stamp suggested that a reminder letter be sent to all sports leagues reminding them all subsidy requests would need to be in by March 15th.

Ms. Stamp distributed a draft of this letter to the Commission. In the letter it indicated that all North Haven youth sport organizations will be asked to submit the application for Town Financial Assistance between January 1st and March 15th of each year. Any group seeking financial assistance should complete the Sports League subsidy application and submit to Eileen Pettit no later than March 15th. Then at the March (or May) Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the Commissioners will vote on all applications submitted. Checks would be cut by June 30th.

Al Centone made a motion to accept the draft of this letter seconded by Joe Capucci.

This letter will be sent to the eight Town sports leagues via certified mail no later than October 1st. Applications will be available in the Recreation main office.

Annual Town Trolley Tour: Ms. Stamp mentioned to the Commission that the Historical Society will be having another trolley tour of the town on October 16th. Tickets are \$15. Anyone interested can call the Historical Society at 203- 239-7722. Three 90 minute tours will start at 12pm, 2pm and 4pm. Twenty five seats are available on the trolley per tour. The trolley route will go from historical society around town, stops at the Rising Sun Tavern, the Iverson House, which participants can go inside and tour the house.

VI. Public Participation.

None.

VII. Adjournment:

Mary Lou Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Frank Montagna, seconded by Joe Capucci. The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 5:30pm. NHTV will be present.