

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting November 21, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Lou Stamp at 5:32p.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:

Frank Montagna made a motion to accept the September 19, 2011 minutes, seconded by Joe Capucci.

III. Correspondence:

Use of Town Green: Ms. Pettit received an email dated November 16th from Brenda Howlett, member of the Daytime Gardeners of North Haven. Ms. Howlett indicated they would like to sell holiday wreaths this year as a fund raiser at the time of the Christmas Tree Lighting on the Town Green, on Sunday, December 4th, from 4-6p.m. They plan on bringing their own tables to sell wreaths and take orders, but would appreciate being in an area where there is light from the surrounding lights on the Green.

Al Centone made a motion to grant the Daytime Gardeners' request, seconded by Suzanne Lewis. All were in favor.

IV. Director's Report/ Old Business:

Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation

The Annual Halloween Party was held on Monday October 31, 2011, from 4:30–6:00pm. Activities included face painting, refreshments, pictures with the Great Pumpkin, balloons and entertainment. Ms. Pettit reported a great turnout of children this year. Each child received a bag of candy at the conclusion. Ms. Pettit extended a special thanks to McDonald's for co-sponsoring again this year, as well as to Bill Gambardella of Joe's Ice Cream for the donation of ice cream and candy.

Following snow storm Alfred, the Recreation Center opened the locker rooms for people who lost power to take showers. The showers were open from 6:30am to 9:30pm for the week. Many people took advantage and were very appreciative.

Open basketball for men 18 and older is going on now. Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Ridge Road now through April 5, 2012. (6:30-9:30pm)

Open ping-pong for anyone 18 and older currently offered on Thursdays from 4:00-8:00pm in the Recreation Center.

The first Friday Night Dance Party was held this past Friday evening November 18th. This is a dance for adults with special needs. The party was from 6:30-8:30pm. John Bimonte was the DJ. 86 people were in attendance (72 pre-registrants, 13 attendees at door). Due to the success of the event, Ms. Pettit indicated that dances may be held each month beginning in January.

Registration for winter programs will begin the first week in December. Programs begin in mid-January. Winter 2012 brochures were distributed to the commission.

The Annual Tree Lighting is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th. The event begins at 2:00pm and concludes at 5:00pm with the lighting of the tree (*rain date: December 5th from 3:00pm to 6:00 pm*). Outdoor activities include hayrides around the Green and caroling. Indoor activities include face painting, cookie decorating, craft room, pictures with Santa, refreshments and a musical revue by Minotti Music. The North Haven Education Foundation will again be selling luminaries to help light up the Green. Ms. Pettit cordially invited the commissioners to attend.

Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works

Ms. Sadosky reported that 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 Storm Alfred.

Fall Leaf Collection Program started on November 7, 2011, for all Town streets and Town parks. Ms. Sadosky estimated that the program will continue through December 16, 2011 weather permitting.

Max Sinoway Baseball management met with the Office of the First Selectman and Department of Public Works on November 21, 2011 to discuss proposed improvements to the Montowese fields and club house.

North Haven Soccer Club - sports programs continued through November 20, 2011 at Ridge Road and Memorial fields.

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.

USAELITE Softball has proposed a second college recruiting softball event for July 12th – 15th, 2012. Like the 2011 event, it is expected that this event will draw thousands of recruits, their families, coaches and members of the public to North Haven for the 4-day event. USA Elite requests that the Commission and Town approve of their request again for July 2012.

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).

V. Old Business

Sports League Subsidy Request Deadline: Reminder letters were sent to the Town sports leagues via certified mail (dated September 23, 2011) reminding them all subsidy requests must be in by March 15, 2012. As Ms. Stamp previously indicated, once all applications are in, the Commissioners will vote on all applications submitted at the March (or May) Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. It was reported that these letters have been successfully received by all leagues.

VI. New Business

Mary Lou Stamp extended gracious thanks for a job well done to Eileen Pettit and Lynn Sadosky on for all of the efforts of their departments in response to Hurricane Irene and Storm Alfred.

VII. Public Participation.

None.

VII. Adjournment:

Mary Lou Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Al Centone, seconded by Suzanne Lewis. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 5:30pm.