

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting March 19, 2012

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
Victor Palma, Director of Field Operations
Carla Riccio, Secretary

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Joe Capucci made a motion to accept the January 17, 2012 minutes, seconded by Al Centone.

III. Correspondence:

North Haven Code of Ethics: Mary Lou Stamp confirmed receipt by the commissioners of the Town's Code of Ethics Policy via mail. All commissioners confirmed receipt and all signed policies have been sent back to the Town. Mr. Montagna indicated that he will be sending his in.

Max Sinoway Baseball Subsidy Request: Max Sinoway submitted their application requesting funding in the amount of \$4,000 for this season.

North Haven Lacrosse Club Subsidy Request: North Haven Lacrosse Club submitted their application requesting funding in the amount of \$6,000 for this season.

North Haven Soccer Club Subsidy Request: North Haven Soccer Club submitted their application requesting funding in the amount of \$2,000 for this season.

American Legion Request to use the Showmobile: Ms. Sadosky received an email on January 20, 2012 from Dan Riccio, Commander of the American Legion, Post 76, requesting use of the Showmobile for the Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for May 26, 2012 at 10:00am.

North Haven High School Boys Soccer Team Request: Ms. Stamp received a letter dated March 2, 2012 from Diane Bogart, from North Haven High School Boys Soccer Team, seeking approval to set up a table to sell soccer merchandise, baked goods, candy and water during the summer concerts in order to raise money towards their summer 2013 trip to Spain.

These items are addressed under *New Business*.

IV. Director's Report/ Old Business:

Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation

Registration for Spring recreation and pool programs continues. Programs are will begin in April.

The Annual Easter Extravaganza will take place on Saturday March 31, 2012 at the Recreation Center from 10:30-12:00 p.m. The indoor event will include pictures with the Easter Bunny, face painting, top hat and bonnet contest, entertainment and refreshments provided. At the conclusion of the event, each child will receive a bag of chocolate eggs.

The 19th Annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Sinoway Pond on Upper State Street. Once again, over 300 children are expected to register for this event.

The Summer brochure will be going to the printer next week. The brochures will be distributed to all the elementary schools in the next few weeks. Registration for summer programs begins on May 7, 2012.

The summer employment program continues. Applications were first accepted on December 15, 2011 and will no longer be accepted on Friday March 16th. All the new applicants will be interviewed and the vacant spots will be filled. These positions are for playground counselors.

Adult Softball: League play will be on Mondays and Wednesdays for men. Unfortunately not enough women's teams were obtained to run a league. Many teams are having trouble getting sponsors. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be used for makeup games. Ms. Pettit reported that they have begun doing some research on Adult Kickball Leagues, as they seem to be very popular in the area. She thinks that perhaps next year the Thursday night time slot could be used to run a CO-ED Kickball League.

Friday Night Dance parties continued on Feb. 24 and again this past Friday March 16th. Ms. Pettit reported that they have been getting between 60 to 80 people each dance. Next Scheduled dances include April 13th, May 11th, and June 8th. They will break for the summer months and look to start again in September. This is a dance for adults with special needs and has been very successful.

Victor Palma, Director of Field Operations

Mr. Palma was present to review Ms. Sadosky's report in her absence. He asked the commission to review Ms. Sadosky's report that had been sent to them prior to the meeting and welcomed any questions.

Mr. Palma briefly highlighted a handful of Public Works' recent efforts included in Ms. Sadosky's report, including the scheduling and preparation of the various fields in Town, as well as the demolition and removal of the existing Tennis Courts at Ridge Road Park adjacent to the Ridge Road Elementary School. This effort was undertaken due to the safety concerns and lack of overall use by area residents. While Public Works had submitted a STEAP Grant application for refurbishment, its request was denied by the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management.

Mr. Palma also commented on Public Works' support of the Annual Fishing Derby, scheduled for May 5, 2012 at Sinoway Pond on Upper State Street, the Annual May Market, scheduled for the North Haven Garden Club on the Town Green for May 12, 2012, and finally the request received by Montowese Elementary School PTA. He noted that they would like to request a table be set up to sell baked goods and candy at the Summer Concert Series to help raise money for their proposed Playscape.

V. New Business

Subsidy Request Review: Three sports leagues submitted their applications requesting funding for their upcoming seasons. After review by the commission, the following three motions were made by Joe Capucci, seconded by seconded by Michael Pomichter.

Max Sinoway Baseball submitted their application requesting funding in the amount of \$4,000, for this season. Joe Capucci made a motion to grant the Max Sinoway Baseball request in the amount of \$4,000, seconded by Michael Pomichter. All were in favor.

North Haven Lacrosse Club Subsidy Request: North Haven Lacrosse submitted their application requesting funding in the amount of 6,000 for this season. Joe Capucci made a motion to grant North Haven Lacrosse's request in the amount of \$4,000, seconded by Michael Pomichter. All were in favor.

North Haven Soccer Club Subsidy Request: North Haven submitted their application requesting funding in the amount of \$2,000 for this season. Joe Capucci made a motion to grant North Haven Soccer's request in the amount of \$2,000, seconded by Michael Pomichter. All were in favor.

American Legion Request to use the Show Mobile on the Town Green for the Memorial Day Parade: Al Centone made a motion to grant the American Legion use of the Showmobile for the Memorial Day parade, seconded by Suzanne Lewis. All were in favor.

North Haven High School Boys Soccer Team Request to sell candy at Concerts Under the Stars:

In correspondence received by Lynn Sadosky, North Haven High School Boys Soccer Team was seeking approval by the Commission to set up a table to sell soccer merchandise, baked goods, candy and water during the summer concerts in order to raise money towards their summer 2013 trip to Spain. In light of this request, Montowese Elementary School PTA's request was brought up by Mr. Palma, as they too have requested a table be set up to sell baked goods and candy at the Summer Concert Series to help raise money for their proposed Playscape. After discussion among the commissioners, they decided to table this request until the next meeting, as there needs to be further discussion with these two non-profits regarding splitting the concerts and items they intend on selling. Mary Lou Stamp will contact reps from both organizations regarding their willingness to split the concerts. Additionally, the commission expressed anticipation of other non-profit organizations coming forward to sell items during the concert series (i.e. Rotary, North Haven Volunteer Fire). Further discussion regarding non-profit requests will take place at the next meeting.

VI. Public Participation.

None.

VII. Adjournment:

Mary Lou Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Al Centone, seconded by Frank Montagna. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2012 at 5:30pm.