

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting September 15, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Lou Stamp at 5:29pm.

I. Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Joe Cappucci, Al Centone, Suzanne Lewis,
Susan Puzycki, Mary Lou Stamp

Commissioners Absent: Bob Kowalewski, Frank Montagna

Staff Present: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation
Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works
Victor Palma, Director of Field Operations
Jennifer Klein, Secretary

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Suzanne Lewis made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 19, 2014, seconded by Joe Cappucci. All were in favor and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.

III. Correspondence:

None

IV. Director's Report

Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation

A tremendous number of participants were enrolled in the summer programs, which began June 30th and ended on August 8th. 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 over 60 children for each of the 6 weeks.

The "Music Under the Stars" concert series concluded on August 26, 2014. All concerts were extremely well attended. Ms. Pettit has received great feedback from the public. She extended a special thanks to all the corporate sponsors for their continued support. She also thanked Police, Fire and Public Works for their assistance at each concert. She reported vendor issues were a lot less than last year.

Swim lessons went very well. 114 children enrolled in lessons during the summer.

The adult softball league ended on August 6th.

After the summer programs concluded, Recreation went into shut down schedule. The pool was closed the week of August 10th. The pool was drained. An inspection of the tiles, plugs, and drain showed all were in good condition. There was a bit of an algae problem in the grout which was taken care of before the pool was refilled. The boiler's heat exchange was plugged with sediment which delayed bringing the pool temperature back to 82 before it was opened. It is now running at normal temperature.

During the following two weeks, the Recreation Center was cleaned from floor to ceiling. Recreation is now ready again for programs.

Fall pool hours are now in effect. A discussion followed regarding the pool being currently closed due to a problem with the chlorine. The problem is being worked on and the pool should reopen on Thursday, September 18th.

Registration is underway for fall recreation and pool programs. Many programs will begin in the next week or so.

The track lights are on at the Mike Vanacore Field. Lights will be on Monday through Thursday evenings, as weather permits, until December 11th.

North Haven High School Girls swim team began their season on August 25th.
(M-F – 2:30 - 5:00 PM)

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

The annual Halloween Party is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 31, 2014, from 4:30 – 6:00 PM. There will be face painting, refreshments, pictures with the Great Pumpkin and entertainment. Ms. Pettit cordially invited the commissioners to attend.

Ms. Pettit wished to thank Ms. Sadosky for her help with improvements in the front of the Recreation building.

Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works

North Haven Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday, May 24, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and included the use of Vanacore Field, Bailey Road Field and the Town Green.

Board of Education (BOE) Football commenced their Fall season on the Middle School Field on August 23, 2014.

Animal Haven Annual Tag Sale – was held on the Town Green on Saturday, May 31, 2014.

Annual High School Concert – was held on the Town Green on Monday, June 16, 2014.

Annual Music Under the Stars Concert Series – the annual summer concert series commenced on the Town Green and featured twelve (12) concerts this year starting on June 10, 2014 and concluding August 26, 2014.

Family Movie Night as hosted by the Pond Hill Baptist Church was held on July 11, 2014 on the Town Green.

USA Elite Girls Softball Event – hosted their annual event from July 18th – 20, 2014 on the Gateway Complex, Bailey Road and Brook Fields and the DeMayo Athletic Complex. The event was another success.

Northeast Annual Volunteer Fire Department hosted their annual summer picnic at the Pine's Park on July 27, 2014.

Jimmy V Foundation Annual Softball Event was held on August 15th - 17th 2014 at Gateway and Grover Wyman fields.

Board of Education (BOE) Field Hockey commenced their Fall season on August 23, 2014 at the Brook Field.

Max Sinoway Baseball commenced with its Fall season on August 18, 2014 and will utilize Montowese Fields 1 – 4 through November 3rd.

North Haven Fall Baseball (Coach Binkoski) has commenced its Fall season on Bailey Road for practices and games starting on August 24, 2014 and continuing through October 19th.

Youth Football commenced with their Fall Season on the Gateway Complex on August 1st, 2014 and Sunday games on Vanacore Field through November 15, 2014.

North Haven Soccer Club commenced with its Fall season on August 1, 2014 at Grover Wyman, Ridge Road and Memorial Fields and continue through November 16th.

North Haven Junior Indians commenced with its Fall season on Brook and Gateway 2 fields on September 1, 2014.

Board of Education (BOE) Tennis started its Fall season on August 23, 2014 at the DeMayo Complex and play is held on Thursday's.

Annual Columbus Day Parade – will be hosted by the Town of North haven on Sunday, October 12th and will commence from the Middle School parking area, exiting onto Bailey Road and then onto Maple Avenue and ending at Town Hall on 18 Church Street.

Italian Cultural Tent and Market Place – will be held on the Town Green on Sunday, October 12, 2014.

Animal Haven Annual Walk-a-Dog-athon will be held on the Town Green on October 25, 2014, with a rain date of October 26, 2014.

STEAP Grant Applications – will be submitted to the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management (OPM) on or before November 30, 2014 for:

- The Refurbishment of Montowese Park (to include a new playscape, paving, fencing improvements, bleachers);
- Demolition and Replacement of Grover Wyman Park Playscape with Trex Composite;
- Football Practice Field Refurbishment; and
- Vanacore Field Complex Improvements and Field House.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

Review of USA Elite tournament request for July 2015: USA Elite has requested the use of Gateway Complex, Bailey Road and Brook Fields and the DeMayo Athletic Complex for the weekend of July 16-19, 2015. Susan Puzycki made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor.

Discussion of Jimmy V. Foundation Tournament: Mr. Palma presented concerns to the Commission regarding the use of the fields by the Jimmy V. Foundation. He and Ms. Sadosky presented pictures to the Commission showing what was left on the field after the event, which included empty alcohol bottles and cans. His concern was that they are not supposed to have alcohol on the fields. A lengthy discussion of the Commission followed. It was discussed that the Jimmy V. Foundation has previously been sent letters stating that alcohol is not allowed on the fields. Joe Cappucci made a motion that a letter be sent to the Jimmy V. Foundation giving them a choice of hosting their event at another town or if they choose to return to North Haven they will have to hire two police officers for the duration of the event at each of the fields to enforce that there is no alcohol, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor.

VII. Public Participation:

None.

VIII. Adjournment:

Chairman Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Al Centone, seconded by Joe Cappucci. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 5:30pm.