

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting November 17, 2014

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

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
Jennifer Klein, Secretary

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Al Centone made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 15, 2014, seconded by Joe Cappucci. All were in favor and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.

III. Correspondence:

The Commission received information regarding “Sponsor a Bench Program – 2015” from First Selectman Michael Freda. This will be discussed under *New Business*.

IV. Director’s Report

Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation

The Annual Halloween Party was held on Friday October 31, 2014, from 4:30 – 6:00pm. Activities included face painting, refreshments, and pictures with the Great Pumpkin, balloons, and entertainment. Ms. Pettit reported that there was a tremendous amount of children this year. Each child received a bag of candy at the conclusion. She wished to thank Bill Gambardella of Joe’s Ice Cream for the donation of ice cream and candy.

Open basketball for men 18 and older is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Ridge Road now through April 9, 2015. (6:30-9:30 p.m.)

Open Ping-Pong for anyone 18 and older is on Thursdays 4:00-8:00 at the Recreation Center.

Registration for winter programs will begin the first week in December. Programs begin in mid-January.

The Annual Tree Lighting is scheduled for Sunday, December 7th. The event begins at 2:00 PM and concludes at 5:00 PM with the lighting of the tree. (rain date December 8th from 3:00 PM 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

Annual Columbus Day Parade was held on Sunday, October 12, 2014, here in the Town of North Haven from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also included was food and music provided by the Italian Cultural Tent and Market Place and the Nutmeg Orchestra on the Town Green.

Board of Education (BOE) Football commenced their season on August 1, 2014 and continues through Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2014.

Board of Education (BOE) Field Hockey commenced their Fall season on August 23, 2014 at the Brook Field and the season will ended October 17, 2014.

Max Sinoway Baseball commenced with its Fall season on August 18, 2014 at Montowese Fields 1 – 4 and ended November 3, 2014.

North Haven Fall Baseball (Coach Binkoski) commenced its Fall season on Bailey Road for practices and some games on August 24, 2014 and ended its season on October 19, 2014.

Youth Football commenced with their Fall Season on the Gateway Complex on August 1, 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 ended their season on November 16, 2014.

North Haven Junior Indians commenced with its Fall season on Brook and Gateway 2 fields on September 1, 2014 and ended November 12, 2014.

Board of Education Tennis -started its Fall Season on DeMayo Tennis Courts on September 6, 2014 and play will be held through November 1, 2014.

Special Olympics Flag Football started its Fall season on Grover Wyman Field on September 21, 2014 and played through November 9, 2014.

Animal Haven's Walk-a-Dog-Athon – the annual event was held on the Town Green on October 25, 2014. The event, we were informed, was very successful.

Recreation Field Refurbishment – the Department developed Bid specifications for the field refurbishment and installation of an irrigation system at the Recreation Center field. This work

will be performed in an effort to better the quality of grass growth, minimize dust issues, and improve the conditions of play. The contract work was awarded to AquaTurf in Orange in July 2014 and work commenced on September 1, 2014. Work should be completed by December 15, 2014.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

Grover Wyman (Blakeslee) Park Playscape Maintenance Project – The Bid Opening for the maintenance of the playscape at Grover Wyman Park was held on October 16, 2014. The successful contractor, Scholar Painting and Restoration, LLC of Seymour, Connecticut was awarded the project and started work on October 28, 2014. Work includes, power washing of all wooden play surfaces, sanding of specified play areas and sealing of all wood areas with an approved sealant. Scholar Painting is expected to conclude its maintenance related work on or before December 31, 2014.

STEAP Grant Applications – were submitted to the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management (OPM) on October 31, 2014, for the following projects:

- Improvements to Central Block (defined as Linsley, Elm, Broadway and Church);
- Refurbishment of Montowese Park (to include a new playscape, bleachers, paving, and fencing);
- Refurbishment of Football Practice Field;
- Vanacore Field Complex Improvements (concession stand, bathrooms, meeting room, visitor's bleachers, and fencing); and
- Green Acres Elementary School Playscapes.

Sponsor a Bench Program – the Department received information on a “Sponsor a Bench Program – 2015” and a handout was provided at the Commission Meeting for discussion. There has been discussion/questions on whether the benches should be placed on the Town Green or in any Town Parks. After discussion among the Commission, it was decided that additional information would be needed from the First Selectman. Ms. Sadosky stated she would get additional information for further discussion at the next meeting.

VII. Public Participation:

None.

VIII. Adjournment:

Chairman Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Suzanne Lewis, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:53pm.

In observation of Martin Luther King Day, the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on ***Tuesday***, January 20, 2015 at 5:30pm.