

## DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members  
From: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation  
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting November 16, 2015

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

### I. Attendance:

*Commissioners Present:* Joe Cappucci, Bob Kowalewski, Suzanne Lewis, Susan Puzycki,  
Mary Lou Stamp

*Commissioners Absent:* Al Centone, Frank Montagna

*Staff Present:* Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation  
Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works  
Jennifer Klein, Secretary

### II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Joe Cappucci made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 21, 2015, seconded by Bob Kowalewski. All were in favor and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.

### III. Correspondence:

None

### IV. Director's Report

#### Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation

The Annual Halloween Party was held on Friday October 30, 2015, 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 7, 2016. (6:30-9:30 p.m.)

Open Ping-Pong for anyone 18 and older is on Thursdays 4:00-8:00 in 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 6th. The event begins at 2:00pm and concludes at 5:00pm with the lighting of the tree. 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. Ms. Pettit cordially invited the commissioners to attend.

Ms. Pettit reported that the new diving board was installed last week.

*Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works*

Board of Education (BOE) Football commenced with their Fall season on the Middle School Field August 22, 2015 and will continue play through Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015.

Free Yoga on the Town Green – Studio Ascend reserved the Town Green for ‘no cost’ yoga on Sunday mornings (from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M.) on October 4, and 18, 2015.

Board of Education (BOE) Field Hockey commenced their Fall season on August 22, 2015 at the Brook Field and the season ended October 17, 2015.

Max Sinoway Baseball commenced with its Fall season on August 19, 2015 at Montowese Fields 1 – 4 and ended play on November 3, 2015. This was another very successful season for Max Sinoway.

North Haven Fall Baseball (Coach Tim Binkoski) commenced its Fall season on Bailey Road for practices and some games starting on August 23, 2015 and ended its season on October 18, 2015. This was another very successful season, we were informed.

North Haven Youth Basketball scheduled the Canna Park Basketball Court for Sundays from September 13, 2015 through October 18, 2015. The season was another success.

Youth Football commenced with their Fall Season on the Gateway Complex on August 1, 2015 and Sunday games continue on Vanacore Field through November 21, 2015.

North Haven Soccer Club commenced with its Fall season on August 31, 2015 at Grover Wyman, Ridge Road and Memorial Fields and ended their season on November 14, 2015.

North Haven Junior Indians commenced with its Fall season on Gateway 2 Field on July 17, 2015 and ended on November 14, 2015.

Board of Education Tennis started its Fall Season on DeMayo Tennis Courts on August 22, 2015 and play will be held through October 31, 2015.

Animal Haven's Walk-a-Dog-Athon – the annual event was held on the Town Green on Sunday, October 25, 2015. The event, we were informed, was very successful.

Sponsor a Bench Program – the first ‘sponsor a bench’ was purchased by the Knights of Columbus in honor of their membership and installed by Public Works’ Field Operations on the Town Green earlier this month adjacent to the Veteran’s War Memorial monuments.

STEAP Grant Award Vanacore – On October 7, 2015, the Town was awarded \$500,000 from the State of Connecticut for the demolition and replacement of the existing Mike Vanacore Field Concession Stand and to replace the existing Vanacore Field perimeter fencing (2000 feet) as well as the visitor’s bleachers. The new Field House will serve as a concession stand, meeting room for organized sports and include bathrooms and changing facilities for those involved in Youth and BOE Football, North Haven Lacrosse and cheerleading. Meetings are being scheduled now with the BOE, Youth Football and Public Works to discuss project scope and the construction plan to move forward.

#### V. Old Business

Approval of 2016 Schedule for the USA Elite Softball Tournament: Mary Lou Stamp made a motion to add the approval of USA Elite to Old Business on the agenda, seconded by Susan Puzycki. All were in favor.

USA Elite has requested the use of Gateway, Bailey Road and Brook Fields and the DeMayo Athletic Complex for the weekend of July 16-19, 2016. Ms. Sadosky advised that there was a request from North Haven Girls Softball to use Gateway for their own tournament in July. She stated that USA Elite would still like a partial approval for the use of Bailey Road and Brook Fields and the DeMayo Athletic Complex. Suzanne Lewis made a motion to approve the use of Bailey Road and Brook Fields and the DeMayo Athletic Complex, seconded by Joe Cappucci. All were in favor.

#### VI. New Business

Appoint one member to Open Space Advisory Committee: Mary Lou Stamp stated that she has been serving on the Open Space Advisory Committee for the past few years and is willing to continue serving on the Committee for next year.

#### VII. Public Participation:

Walt Spader, Leighton Court, stated that he is the Vice President of the Girls Softball League. He advised that USA Elite using Gateway disrupts their season. He said that he appreciates that Ms. Sadosky has made arrangements that USA Elite will not be using the Gateway Complex.

#### VIII. Adjournment:

Chairman Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Joe Cappucci, seconded by Suzanne Lewis. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.

In observation of Martin Luther King Day, the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on *Tuesday*, January 19, 2016 at 5:30pm.