

## January 2018 Minutes

Call to Order: Commission Chairman, Jim Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners: Lisa Bauer, Pam Orde, Ray Schmid, Rob Gollow, and new member Gianni Perugini. Also present was Litchfield Park and Rec Director Brent Hawkins, and Alex Larson. All welcomed Gianni to the Commission.

Absent: Helen Bunnell.

Approval of Minutes: Lisa moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Ray. All Ayes except Rob Gollow who was not in attendance. The motion passed.

Monthly Budget Report: The budget was available for all members to inspect.

Comment from the Public: A member of the community, Alex Larson, was in attendance and expressed his interest in joining the commission. The members welcomed him and are pleased that he will be joining the team.

Commissioner Requests: Ray - Capital

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Basketball: Jim Keller, Basketball Commissioner, reported that there is a large group of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders participating in the clinics held at the Forman School on Saturday mornings. Many more than the recent past and credits Rob Gollow and his group of coaches for setting up a good foundation from last year. LHS Girls Varsity Coach, Paige Young, and some of her team has joined every week to assist. She expressed interest in having basketball clinics perhaps in March or April and then again June in conjunction with our other Park and Rec programs. Jim has attended at least one game for all our leagues and reports all is going well, with players, coaches and referees. Brent said outside of the snowed-out games all seems to be running smoothly.

Mohawk Skiing: Other than the first trip being cancelled due to a snow event, the trips have been well attended. All students have been cooperative, no problems have occurred and all are having fun!

Milton Road Race: The annual New Year's Day race drew only 43 hearty souls, as the frigid temperatures (8 degrees at race time) kept many a runner away. John Baker and his crew did a great job as always in organizing this race!

New Business:

Thrill in the Hills Duathlon: This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the event is scheduled for Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The start and finish is at LHS and the school facilities have been requested and approved. As in the past Roger Mahieu, Jr. will serve as race director.

Teen Fitness Classes with the Litchfield Athletic Club: Brent met with Tonya Benvenuti from the LAC about a joint effort to get more teen participation in fitness. The current new class at the LAC focuses on teen fitness for the athlete. Now they would like to expand that to the general population and get all students moving towards a better lifestyle. The classes will be held twice a week at the LAC. The participants will receive a gym membership for 10 weeks.

Adult Fitness Classes with Janice Conner: Janice is a long-time fitness buff and instructor. She met with Brent, to visit Bantam gym, and discuss her ideas behind getting adults more physically fit. She will create a plan according to each person's ability and through sustained efforts she feel they will reach their potential. The classes will be held in the Bantam Gym. The scheduling of the classes is still being discussed. The biggest problem is that the gym is being used so frequently that it is difficult to coordinate a new group with a time that best fits their program and participants. Currently the Bantam Gym has programs for senior walkers, and a group of Pickle ball Players coming every morning. The evenings are filled with basketball practice, volleyball games, dance, gymnastics and the members of the Litchfield Hills Pipe Band who practice there.

Senior Luncheon: The annual luncheon is set for the Litchfield Community Center on Thursday, March 22 beginning at 12 noon. The entertainment is by local singer-songwriter Ian Campbell. Lunch will be catered by the Oliver Wolcott Technical School culinary students and servers will be from their National Honor Society and Student Council Members. Admission is \$10.

On-Line Registration: As Pam requested, Brent has been looking into on-line registration for quite some time and now has the support of the Selectmen. Brent and Lisa Beyer have been researching this and have narrowed the choice to three vendors. After receiving quotes, and recommendations from other Park and Rec Departments in the State, their recommendation is My.Rec.com. Brent stated he and Lisa have another on-line demo this week and their decision should be coming soon.

Commissioner Request: Capital - Ray and Brent contacted Raz Alexe, Litchfield Public Works Director, questioning the status of our capital request to fix the Town Beach Boat Launch. Capital has approved the request of \$95,000. It must now be approved by the Board of Selectmen, who will vote on Tuesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, then to the Board of Finance, and if approved, a town meeting will be held for the final approval. Raz will coordinate bids and DEEP licensing if necessary once the project has final approval.

Director's Report: Brent emailed his report to all the commissioners on Friday.

Adjournment: Pam moved to adjourn, seconded by Ray, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.