

December Minutes 2016

The December meeting of the Litchfield Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m by Chairman, Jim Keller. In attendance were: Lisa Bauer, Pam Orde, Ray Schmid, Director Brent Hawkins, and resident Rob Gollow. Absent: Helen Bunnell and Ed Fabbri.

Approval of Minutes – Ray made a motion seconded by Lisa, all voted aye!

Monthly Budget Report – Tabled

Comment from Public – None

Commissioner's Request – Ray; Northfield, Town Beach and Capital.

Old Business: Holiday Stroll – Brent said the event ran smoothly and all had a great time while a couple commissioners felt attendance was a little down, but all in all it was a great event. It was suggested to have the firemen help light the area of the Christmas Tree during the tree lighting ceremony.

Basketball – Brent said that all 5 teams are now playing games in their leagues with all five playing at home this past weekend. Jimmy noted that both 5-6 boys' teams won their respective games.

New Business: Ornaments – Brent said the ornament was designed by LHS senior Hannah Curran with this year's subject being the Litchfield Bancorp headquarters on West Street. The ornaments were struck at Woodbury Pewter and are on sale at various businesses in town, including the bank itself. The ornaments are \$10 each at retail.

Men's Basketball: The men had a practice and drafted teams and Brent said they are now into the season at the Forman School on Thursday nights. Steve O'Neill is the league commissioner.

Approval monthly meeting dates: A list of dates for Commission meetings for each month of 2017 was read. Ray moved to accept, seconded by Pam and they were approved by the board.

Jingle Bell Run – Brent said it was a very cold and windy day for the race, but despite the weather 130 brave souls battled the elements in hopes of winning a Christmas Tree, locally produced maple syrup, which is what the winner took home, and some won Christmas Ornaments for their costumes in which they ran the race! There was a new record time set on the men's side! All Runners and helpers for the race received nice running hats!

Commissioner's requests:

Northfield – Ray said that he and Brent want to protect our investment in the grass at Northfield by hiring a licensed lawn company so we can be assured that our grass will grow. He thinks a pesticide, herbicide and fertilizer program needs to be outlined and addressed.

Town Beach – Ray eluded to our presentation at the Capital Committee as we asked for \$70,000 in monies to be combined with the \$16,000 STEAP grant money remaining to replace the boat ramp and the retaining wall. Ray said that Len Fasano of Public Works looked into a pre-cast ramp like the kind at

Woodridge Lake and he feels that some of those are very expensive. He would like to have a resident from Woodridge take him in to inspect the ramp.

Capital – Brent and Ray addressed the Capital Committee and listed our proposed projects from our Ten Year Plan with Town Beach being our first priority and projects in Community Field being next in line. We hope the proposal will be passed so we can continue our work on these recreation facilities.

Director's Report for November and December: Brent emailed to all the commissioners.

Adjournment: Lisa moved to adjourn, Pam seconded and the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by J. Brent Hawkins, Dec. 13, 2016