

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Litchfield Park & Recreation
Annex Gym
80 Doyle Rd, Bantam, CT. 06750
August 30, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order 7:05pm Jim Keller, Vice Chairman

Present: Lisa Bauer, Jim Keller, Pam Orde, Ray Schmid (7:15pm), Gianni Perugini (7:48), Michael Lyn Cappello

Also Present: Colleen Kinkade, Park & Rec Coordinator; Sarah Leonard, Assistant Park & Rec Coordinator

Appointment of Alternates: M.Cappello

Approval of Minutes: June minutes. L.Bauer made a motion to approve M.Cappello seconded. Discussion. L.Bauer, Sara schuk will not use the screen. Noel Fischer said no to buying another kayak rack. The work order to put in the section of dock was not done. We still need to do an updated contact list. Sportsmens bought 5 business passes at \$30/pass. Make sure to make a formal request to discuss the lease to Litchfield Hills Rowing Club. G.Perugini asked for all in favor. Motion passes. July minutes were approved by L.Bauer and seconded by P.Orde. Discussion. L.Bauer. Would like to know the credit card fees for the next meeting. Gianni asked for approval. Motion passes. M.Cappello and R.Schmid abstain.

Director's Report:

- Senior programs: crafts and bus trips, well received by senior community
- Summer Concert Series: people enjoyed a change of bands and local business showcased each week. Got dark early so the director would like to purchase portable,battery powered lights for safety for next year.
- Summer Camp Series: Successful summer camps and parents liked the offering of different camps. Thank you to the Litchfield Health and Wellness group for their generous donation to be able to offer scholarships and offset some cost of running camps.
- Cross Country Series at White Memorial: Started late, but went well with the new format of people signing up through myrec and the ability to pay online was a hit.
- Dog Training going well
- looking to add Tumbling with Tots and more art classes with Suzanne.
- Adult fitness going well and looking to add additional requested classes.

Budget Review: Commission looking for a current, accurate Fund 22 balance.

Correspondence:

- Senior said she had a great time on trips and expressed how happy seniors were to be getting out.
- Some unhappy townspeople about not getting a beach pass.
- Resident wrote that she is unhappy with the state of the tennis courts and requested wind screening be installed.

Commissioners' Request:

- R. Schmid would like a Park and Rec vehicle and electricity down to the town beach, the Lion's club has money to spend (maybe picnic tables to purchase), tennis court

project will be the next capital project and he will not be a part of it. R. Schmid was not happy that he was not involved in the process. COVID relief fund would be able to electric down to the beach as an infrastructure project. Would need to work with the LHRC to pay for the service. Park and Rec should have a dedicated vehicle and should think about changing our capital requests.

- G. Perujini would like a review of the parking situation down at the town beach and t-shirt sizes for all the commissioners. Gianni went down to Community Field and Tang Soo Do volunteered to paint the picnic tables.

Old Business:

- Basketball court reconstruction project money was approved for the additional request to finish the project and will start soon. Sport Tech contract signed and will start next week.
- Introduction of new assistant, Sarah Leonard.

New Business:

- Town Wide Tag Sale on October 2nd with LH&WR on the Annex Grounds.
- Halloween: Trunk A Treat on the Green and Meadow Street. Would like to include local businesses.
- Holiday Stroll: working with Lynn at Union Saving sharing ideas.
- Policies and Procedures for Department and use of facilities. Assistant will spearhead and gather ideas for further discussion.

Adjournment: J. Keller moved to adjourn at 9:16pm. Seconded by M.

Cappello

Submitted by:

Michael Lyn Cappello