

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Litchfield Park & Recreation
Annex Gym
80 Doyle Rd, Bantam, CT. 06750
Monday, June 27, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order 7:02PM

Attendance: Gianni Perugini, Jim Keller, Helen Bunnell, Rob Gollow, Michael Lyn Cappello

Absent: Lisa Bauer, Jay Bolton

Others in Attendance: Colleen Kindae, P&R Director

Appointment of Alternates (as needed) Not needed

Approval of Minutes: Tabled until next meeting

Director's Report: Report attached and director highlighted. Movie nights, Block Party and Fireworks

Budget Review: Reviewed new Operating Budget 22/23, Fund 22 tabled until next meeting.

Correspondence: Block Party, all community comments were positive, Director received a note from Borough Warden complimenting on a job well done. Director has received correspondences in reference to vandalism at Community Field. Facebook; CT Chatter has had a number of comments on the fireworks

Commissioners Requests: Ray Schmid, Ice Rink

Old Business

- Beach Passes: 207 Sold to date, Gate Guards will be starting Thursday - Sunday 9-6pm
- Fireworks: gates open at 6pm for parking and picnicing
- Security Cameras at LCF: Motion by Michael Lyn Cappello, seconded by Jim Keller to have a professional look at the project and director to report to commission. All in favor, motion passed.
- Completed Basketball Court at LCF: project is complete, in high use, possible 3 v 3 with Litchfield Community Center to be planned for fall
- Option for Tennis Court: Titan Trax, floating system over existing court discussed.
Director will look into updating quotes on traditional surfaces
- Ice Rink: Rink drained and repaired by DPW

New Business

- Vehicle: Pick up truck added for department use. Fuel in the operating budget. Maintenance will be funded from Fund 22
- Beautification Committee: New sign for LCF. Will be moved to face incoming traffic. Old sign with rules and regulations will be put on the snack shack.
- Secretary for Committee: Gianni Perugini will research funding for outside source for minutes and report at the next meeting.
- 30k from ARPA proposal: Director proposed monies for art programs and exercise programs for all. Motion by H. Bunnell to accept \$30K from ARAP, seconded by J Keller

Discussion: Ideas for use: Fitness trail, cameras.

Motion to accept \$30K is withdrawn

Motion by H.Bunnell, seconded by J.Keller to accept \$30K for use over the next 4 years for physical improvements to facilities. Discussion: remove "physical"

Motion amended by R.Schmid, seconded by R. Gollow to: Accept \$30K ARPA funds for use over the next 2 years for improvements to facilities and programming. No further discussion, motion passes.

Adjournment: Motion by H. Bunnell, seconded by R. Gollow

8:50pm

Michael Lyn Cappello

CURRENT/PAST EVENTS:

Adult Fitness classes:

- We're continuing our fitness classes through May and almost every day, the Bantam gym is being utilized!
- Some options we're providing:
 - Fab, Fit, Fun HIIT class is going great
 - Pilates attendance has increased this past month!
 - Alignment Based Yoga is growing
 - Essentrics and Therapeutic Yoga as usual are going well.

Beach Passes:

- Gate Guards are being hired.
- Will be purchasing a new sign for the gate and one for the end of the driveway

WZBG Sponsored Commercials

- We've been getting local businesses to sponsor minute long commercials that run the first week of every month. (10 spots for \$225)
- Businesses have been very receptive to helping support the park and rec on the radio and even have 2 sponsors for the month of June and all the summer spots filled already!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Block Party: Saturday, June 11, 2022

- Was able to receive \$1,150 in sponsorships

LEF Dodgeball Tournament: Saturday, June 18th at Litchfield Community Field

- Was a small group of 5 teams, but it went well and was a fun saturday! TriTown had their snack shack open so we didn't have to worry about providing beverages or snacks for participants.

Kick off to Summer Learning with the Center School: Saturday, June 3, 2022

- Went really well and was able to meet new parents!

Learn to Row day at Town Beach: Saturday, June 4, 2022

- Sold over 40 beach passes that morning

Movie Nights at the Town Beach

- Coordinating with LHRC to put on 3 movie nights at the Town Beach
- Working on figuring out a generator and sound system for playing the movie.

Summer Camps:

- Registration is continuing to go well. More registrations have come in since school ended.
- Twisters Baseball Camp has 30 registered as of 6/24 and for our Art Camp there are 4. It's our first time doing this particular art camp with Michele Murelli.
- Added a summer long basketball skills program with John Q and a summer long tumbling program with Miss Sherry.

Summer Concert Series and Business Showcase: Starting June 29th

- All spots are filled with different bands from last year.
- Have most of the spots for our business showcase filled.

Fireworks: Friday, July 1, 2022

- Charging \$20 per parking spot. 114 spots sold as of 6/24
- Will need volunteers at each parking area to direct traffic once they've checked in with me at the front.
- We can even collect money and have people pay at the "door" if spots are available by using the laptop and credit card swipe to do a "drop in" option for the event.

Bus Trips:

- Sunday, July 17th to Yankee Stadium for Yankee/Red Sox game for afternoon game
 - Tickets \$130 per person: includes left field level seats, bus ride and snacks on the bus
 - 38 registered for the trip!

October Breast Cancer Awareness Event: Sunday October 2, 2022

- Working with Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Pink Roses Fund and the Cancer Care Fund to do a walk and concert/picnic at White Memorial
- Pink Roses Fund is specifically for Breast Cancer prevention and treatment for patients at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
- Doing a boxed lunch for \$12 with Charlene Dutka from Ciesco Catering
- We would use the payment from the participants to offset any cost from Park and Rec expenses that are run through the registration site
 - Cost of registration swag, band, etc.