

REGULAR MEETING Minutes

Litchfield Park & Recreation
Annex Gym
80 Doyle Rd, Bantam, CT. 06750
Monday, July 25, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order : 7:04pm

Attendance: Commissioners: Gianni Perugini, Ray Schmid, Jim Keller, Lisa Bauer, Michael Lyn Cappello

Absent: Helen Bunnell, Rob Gollow, Jay Bolton

Others in Attendance: Director Colleen Kinkade

Appointment of Alternates (as needed): Motion by R. Schmid to appoint M.Cappello as regular member, 2nd by J. Keller, no discussion, all in favor, motion passed

Approval of Minutes: May Minutes, motion by J. Keller, 2nd by M. Cappello, discussion. Correction of spelling of director's name. Motion to approve with change, J. Keller, 2nd M. Cappello, R. Schmid, and L. Bauer abstain, all other members in favor, motion passed

Approval of Minutes: June Minutes, motion by R. Schmid, 2nd by J. Keller, L. Bauer abstain, no discussion, all in favor, motion passed

Approval of June 19 Special Meeting tabled.

Director's Report: Attached and reviewed. Director highlighted upcoming programs and currently running camps.

Budget Review: Chair and director to meet with finance department and will report back at next meeting

Correspondence: Great reviews from residents about bus trip to New York Yankee game and fireworks. Thank you to John Mckenna, Litchfield Bz. for article about fireworks.

Commissioners Requests: No requests from commissioners

Old Business

- Beach Passes: Passes are available for pick up at beach. Resident Trooper has been made aware of people "blowing by" the guard gate with no passes. Guards now have contact info for resident trooper if there is an issue.
- Yankee vs Red Sox game and upcoming trips: 10/30 Jets Vs. Patriots game Met Life Stadium. \$165. Christmas Spectacular Show 12/7 \$135
- Pickleball courts: Donna Pace joined meeting via phone to present request to add pickleball lines to new tennis courts. R. Schmid recommended that we add to our upcoming specs for the tennis court project
- Security Cameras at LCF: Reviewed Berkshire Alarm quote and LVS quote again. Motion by M. Cappello, 2nd by L. Bauer to go with LVS quote for \$4400. 5 cameras, no router. Discussion: committee wants to be sure that image is clear and identifiable. All in favor and motion passes
- 30k from ARPA proposal: Idea of Fitness Court at LCF. Director to research further and get back to committee.

New Business : no new business

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. M.Cappello, 2nd L. Bauer. Motion passes

CURRENT/PAST EVENTS:

Adult Fitness classes:

- We're continuing our fitness classes through July and August and the Bantam gym is being utilized almost every day!
- 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:

- 2 gate guards were hired.
- A new pop up tent was purchased for them to sit under.
- We were able to figure out a way for people to show their paid taxes from last year and the receipt of their beach pass membership and receive their beach pass from the gate guard. Have been working out great for people to pick up their passes when the office is not open (like on the weekends).

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.
 - We had 2 sponsors for June, 1 for July and 1 for August. Going to LABA again in August to get another one for September.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pickleball One Day Courses:

- David who is the Director of Litchfield Tennis and Paddle has offered his services to provide a pickleball course for people wanting to learn the game or to improve their skills.
- Two dates, two different times each day. Charging \$10 per person to cover some new paddles and balls.
- Doing it at the Litchfield Community Field Tennis Courts. Will put up a sign at the court to notify residents who use the courts.

Movie Nights at the Town Beach

- Coordinating with LHRC to put on 3 movie nights at the Town Beach
- Sound system donated by Ace for all 3 nights
- Generator donated by Sarah Leonard's family. We put it into the back of their truck facing away from the crowd and it didn't hinder the sound of the movie.
- First night went well...a few glitches with the sound system (missing the correct cord), but we were able to fix it before the show started!
- The blow up screen was HUGE!!! And everyone loved it!
- LHRC did a concession stand near the screen and covered their costs for their food.

Director's Report for 7/25/22

Summer Camps:

- Added a Friday gymnastics class with Miss Sherry. 9 in the little kid session and 7 in the next age group.
- More camps to come in the next few weeks. Parents are still registering for them!
- Sports Camps:
 - Running Series: 5
 - Twisters Baseball (June): 35
 - TriTown Basketball: 36
 - CAS Soccer (July): 24
 - gRow (week 1): 7
 - gRow (week 2): 12
- Fine Arts Camps:
 - Cool Abstract Painting: 4
 - Mysterious Altered Books: 2
 - Curious Minds (History week 1): 4

Summer Concert Series and Business Showcase: Starting June 29th

- All spots are filled with different bands from last year.
- Bands have been great! People have been very happy having different genres playing every week.
- Most spots have been filled for the business showcase.

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
 - We had a full bus! All 50 tickets sold!
 - Game was great (not great for Red Sox fans...but it was still fun). Bus driver was awesome. Everyone was super happy and excited for more bus trips.
- Sunday, October 30th, for Jets vs. Patriots game
 - Tickets will be \$165 per person: includes tickets at end zone 202b under awning, bus ride, bus parking and snacks/water on the bus.
 - 50 tickets need to be sold.
- Wednesday, December 7th for Christmas Spectacular Show with the Rockettes
 - Need to figure out the pricing for this trip per person. Will include the tickets, bus ride and snacks/water on the bus. No bus parking available.

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.