



Town of North Canaan
Recreation Commission

June 17, 2025

Present: Chairwoman Lindsay Crane, Marilisa Camardi, Justin Ellison, Tracy Allyn, Kurt Johnson, Director Adam Bunce

Chairwoman Crane called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Ms. Allyn moved to approve the agenda as presented and the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Ms. Camardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Melissa Pinardi submitted her application to become a member of the recreation commission. She is a registered republican. **Mr. Johnson moved to accept the application. Ms. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.** The application now goes to the Selectmen for approval.

Director's Report – Adam Bunce:

Baseball is wrapping up. Lower levels will be done this weekend. The majors won the league this year. All Stars games start Saturday. Triple A's are finishing up. Overall was a good baseball season.

Softball juniors are finished. The seniors were rained out tonight but will try to get the game in tomorrow night and that will be it. There are discussions about maybe some summer camp programming for softball. There are talks starting about fall ball as well.

Adult softball is using the Segalla field. They have been asked not to touch the bases, anchors etc. If they are going to continue to use that field there is a need to accommodate them a little bit better. Director Bunce is thinking getting different anchors in the ground for both the girls and the adults. New sets of bases as well as anchors. There was a discussion of the funds raised by the Yard Goats event going towards that. If the adults continue there the field will be better maintained for fall ball. The scoreboard will be replaced.

The pool is open with a full staff of lifeguards on duty. The guards are the same as last year. MERIT was able to switch the flow meter because they did it wrong 2 years ago and it never got fixed last year. In order to open it had to be fixed. The system is running well, but the water level is not staying up. There was a discussion regarding recaulking

under the gutter or potentially putting in a liner. Mr. Ellison will look more into it and get pricing. There are currently 14 kids so far interested in swim team. They will finalize the meet schedule. Swim lessons start July 7 and lasts for 6 weeks. Right now, only about 25 kids have signed up. T-shirts have been ordered for the lifeguards.

Tennis Courts – the net tape on the top is coming off. Discussion of it being used a lot.

Treasurer's Report – Marilisa Camardi: There is \$9700.23 in the account. We receive \$150 from Yard Goats sales each event. The general fund balance does not have extra in it this year, but we should come in ok overall for the end of the year. The hoops got paid in full using the designated funds.

Old Business:

Group events: Mr. Ellison will be getting the flyer and starting to advertise for the August 30 Yard Goat game. This is a Sunday 1pm game and he feels it should be easy to sell out the tickets. He will get flyer posted as soon as he can. Some time in July he will reach out to UCONN for the fall schedule.

Tennis Court backstop is no being taken care of by Ron Carpenter. It will be painted green.

Hoops: Selectman Ohler explained that a box truck accidentally backed into one of the hoops. The driver was very apologetic and will pay for a replacement. We will keep the old one for parts. New post and locked chains are in place now.

Volleyball court: The sand has arrived. They are waiting for the old sand to be dug out. There was a discussion of what to do with the old sand. Director Bunce stated it should be kept and used to mix with clay for the baseball fields. He suggested that they put a barrier down with the new sand to help with weeds. The Recreation commission purchased a whole kit with the net, poles, etc. It was suggested to get sand tape.

Bunny McGuire Park looks good. The ribbon cutting was nice. People are using the hoops and the dog park. The playground is not used after dusk, but the hoops can be. With the lights and cameras there is not as much worry. The account for the park is still getting donations. Selectman Ohler stated as the commission does there budget they shouldn't include a financial demand or obligation for the park. The thought is to move sports to the Segalla field.

New State Bill did not pass so we don't have to worry about it.

Town monthly newsletter – put in the Yard Goats flyer. Selectman Ohler stated if something comes up Paul can always send out an email so don't have to wait for the newsletter.

New Business:

Fundraising ideas: There was a discussion of several ideas given to the commission. There is interest in a cornhole tournament. Ms. Allyn will speak to a contact she has to get some information. There was a suggestion to charge for use of the pavilion. Currently only non-residential fees are charged, but consideration of requesting residents to pay a fee as well. This will go on the agenda next month for discussion and a vote. It was suggested to advertise fundraisers at the campground.

Community Pool Party. Railroad days is August 7-10 this year not in July. A discussion of when to hold the pool party ensued. It was decided that there will be one July 9 Hawaiian themed and another one August 20 Back to School theme.

Other Business: Water bottles and popsicles will once again be on sale at the pool. Director Bunce will get some to start.

Mr. Ellison moved to adjourn. Ms. Camardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary