



Town of North Canaan
Recreation Commission
July 15, 2025

Present: Chairwoman Lindsey Crane, Tonya Roussis, Justin Ellison, Melissa Pinardi, Kurt Johnson, Tom Bunce(via zoom)

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

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Roussis moved to approve the minutes from last meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Director report: Chairwoman Crane read report into record. Swim lessons have started and are going well. The pool repair was completed. It was only closed for 1.5 days. There is a swim meet this Thursday. The donated chairs were dropped off and we have 2 more picnic tables with umbrellas coming. The fire marshal did an inspection and everything was good. He had one suggestion to put a sign on the chlorine tank so that emergency services would know that is what it is. Thank you to Falls Village for offering their pool during the downtime. Ms. Pinardi asked if there is a way to not close the entire pool during swim lessons. Perhaps roping off a portion so that others could still enjoy the pool. Mr. Ellison explained that he got the part for the pool, but Merit did the work. Fall softball options are being looked at. Soccer signups will go out soon and Director Bunce is assuming it will be the same as last year. He is thinking of moving all soccer to Segalla Field. The new basketball hoop is up and the old one is disassembled at the town garage for parts. A pickleball net went missing. A tennis net was ripped and has been replaced with an old one.

Mr. Ellison spoke with a resident who uses the tennis courts a lot. An issue with cracks was discussed. Because it is popular it was suggested that there be a separation in color between the pickleball and tennis lining. Perhaps pickleball black and tennis court white.

Treasurer report: Chairwoman Crane read report into record. The Special account is at \$11209.82 as of June 30. At the end of the Fiscal year Rec is over budget by about \$4000. This was increased for the 25/26 budget so hopefully it will not go over next year.

The Yard Goats flyer has been shared and placing them around town. Mr. Ellison has been approached by 1 person so far. He will not be attending. There are 25 tickets total. The game is August 31 not 30th as stated in previous minutes. This is Labor Day weekend. Kids run bases at Sunday games. There are no UCONN updates. He will start looking at winter sports when they are available because they sell out quickly for hockey. There was a discussion of a Wolfpack game too.

Volleyball court is progressing. Chairwoman Crane will Selectman Ohler about painting lines.

The Community pool party went well. The next one is scheduled for August 20. There was a suggestion for back-to-school tattoos. Parents asked if we could do a few different things. Discussion ensued and decided to do limbo, letter jump competition and a cannonball competition, broken up into age groups. The entire pool will not be used for the competition so that those that don't participate can still swim.

Town newsletter or have Paul send out about Yard Goats and Pool party.

New Business

Facility Use Form: Chairwoman Crane and Director Bunce have been reviewing and discussing this and have come up with some ideas. Chairwoman handed out drafts and asked that the commission review for suggestions/changes etc. She will send out a text message requesting changes so that she can bring a finished draft to next meeting for a discussion and vote. There was a discussion of the pool rental.

Fundraising ideas: Mr. Ellison is looking at different ideas. Cornhole tournament is still a possibility. Whatever is done there has to be a specific reason for the funds as well as having to really advertise.

Other business

Heather Zucco wrote an email expressing interest in joining the commission. There is no current openings. Chairwoman Crane will respond to her.

Ms. Pinardi asked about the playgrounds and wondered if there was a way to get pieces for littler children as the swing sets, etc. are not appropriate. There was a discussion. She will get pictures of items that are possibilities.

The Pirates (back-to-back champs) will have a float and banner in the fireman's parade.

Public Comment: Jennifer Crane stated the Lawrence Field sign is not up anymore. Also, no signs for "no alcohol" "leashed dogs" etc. Chairwoman Crane will look into this. There was a discussion regarding the park closing at dusk. Not necessarily needed anymore because of the lights and cameras. Chairwoman Crane needs to speak with Selectman Ohler about what is the responsibility of recreation vs the Bunny McGuire funds. Jennifer stated there is a drainage issue in the grass. Water is pooling not draining and the spot is settling. It could cause a trip hazard.

Ms. Roussis moved to adjourn. Ms. Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary