



Town of North Canaan

Rec commission

August 19, 2025

Present: Chairwoman Lindsey Crane, Tracy Allyn, Kurt Johnson, Marlisa Camardi, Melissa Pinardi, Tom Bunce, Director Adam Bunce

Chairwoman Crane called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Ms. Allyn moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Ms. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Director report: The pool season will end on Sunday. For the most part the season ran smoothly. The guards were great. Swim team went well. We may be losing 2 guards next year, but the other guards have expressed interest in doing swim team again. Pool hours were modified this week due to college kids leaving and school sports starting. There are some issues that will need to be addressed in the spring. If we do not do a liner, it will need to be painted. Director Bunce may have a company that could come in and paint it quickly.

Registrations for fall sports is coming up. Soccer will be the same as last year. We will see how many kids we can get in town and if there are enough in other towns we will set up scrimmages, if not we will focus on skills and drills. The softball league from last year appears to not be happening this year so it will open up for skill development in the fall. Director Bunce was contacted by Little League to see if there is interest in moving softball under the Little League Board. This would change who we play and would go by age instead of grade. There was a brief discussion regarding this. It could open up more possibilities for playing. Director Bunce will do more research on this. Fall ball baseball sign-ups are open. Soccer may move entirely to Segalla Field.

Treasurer report: Ms. Camardi read her report into record. The special account balance is \$9510.00. The commission is \$9804.00 over budget last year. There was a discussion of porta potty pick up.

Group Events:

There are still 10 tickets left for the yard goats' game the end of August. Mr. Ellison potentially has others to go but needs to reach out to them. Payment was delayed, but Ms. Camardi reached out to them to make sure everything was ok. Mr. Ellison let Chairwoman Crane know it was more difficult to get rid of the tickets this time. Likely this is due to holiday weekend and kids returning to school. He is holding off on UCONN until kids are back in school. There was a discussion of how to get those tickets sold.

The community pool party scheduled for tomorrow is cancelled due to inclement weather. Everything that was bought for this can be saved for next year.

Lawrence Field signs: Chairwoman Crane reached out to Selectman Ohler and they have all been ordered. There is a backstop sign, multiple signs for no alcohol/drugs, and no unleashed dogs outside of the dog park. The lights under the pavilion will no longer be left on overnight as people were using the pavilion in the middle of the night. Security Cameras use infrared technology so there is no issue with those.

There is nothing to put in for the September town monthly newsletter, but it was decided to ask Paul to do an e-blast for the yard goat's tickets and for fall sports signups.

New business:

Shawn Finney emailed Chairwoman Crane his letter of resignation which she read into record. She has sent it on to Selectman Ohler and the town clerk's office. She will reach out to Heather Zucco now that a seat has opened up.

Pavilion use form has been updated. The commission reviewed the form. There was a discussion of the lights. **Ms. Camardi moved to implement the updated form. Mr. Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other business:

Ms. Pinardi had brought up age friendly playground ideas last month. She had an idea this month to use large tractor tires partially buried in the ground for the kids to climb in/on. There are 3 spots on the playground where they could be put. Ms. Pinardi is thinking maybe one of the local farms could donate a few of them. She will look into that. Chairwoman Crane will run the idea by Selectman Ohler.

Mr. Bunce moved to adjourn. Ms. Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary