

Town of North Canaan Recreation Commission November 17, 2025

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

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

Ms. Camardi moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Allyn moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director Bunce report:

- Soccer has wrapped up and went well with what they were able to put together as it is not the same as it used to be.
- Basketball is getting sorted out. It starts December 6. Emails will be going out soon. We will be hosting the kindergarten again for everyone and that will begin in January after the holidays. It will be held on Fridays. There was not enough kids for a 5th and 6th travel team so they will be doing rec. It will be like the previous year. There was a discussion regarding what other grades will be doing.
- Director Bunce has not moved the storage shed from Lawrence field to Segalla Field. We will need a bigger one at some point. Ms. Crane explained there may be an Eagle Scout interested in building one, but it would not be until next year.
- Ski Club is out. Signups last until December 8. There will be 6 trips again this year. Shawn is willing to help out again as well as Justin. There are scholarships available. Principal Johnson will be scheduling the buss and letting us know the cost. There was a discussion regarding scholarships and payments.

Treasurer report: Ms. Camardi stated that there is \$11842.41 in the special account. She is still waiting from Merit for closing the pool. Director Bunce still has bills from softball to get to Ms. Camardi. She is planning to sit with the new treasurer to discuss how things will be going. We did receive \$35 for usage of the pavilion in October.

Sponsored group events: Mr. Ellison explained that for UCONN hockey there is a 2/21 game at 3pm in Hartford. Our cost is \$12 we can charge \$17 which will give\$5 towards the fundraising. There was a discussion of what to allocate funds towards. Mr. Ellison moved to allocate funds towards a new tarp for skating. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried. As far as basketball. UCONN men's game there is 1/10 at 12:30, Women's games are 1/3 at 12pm, 1/19 (not in Hartford), 2/1 at 12pm. Discussion of how many games/tickets to do. Decision is to do the men's game and the 2 women's games that are in Hartford. Pricing was discussed. To buy a ticket online is over \$100. Even adding \$10 to

the tickets it is still a deal. Ms. Camardi moved to purchase 10 tickets for each game. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Canaan Foundation gathering was well attended. A lot of people stopped by the table so it was good that Rec was there. It lasted about 2 hours.

Ms. Allyn moved to allocate funding received from Canaan Foundation this year towards clay for Segalla field. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New business:

Chairwoman Crane read into record the dates for the upcoming year. (attached to these minutes). It will continue as the 3rd Tuesday of the month. **Ms. Roussis moved to accept the dates as read. Ms. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Election of Officers:

Ms. Allyn moved to nominate Ms. Camardi as treasurer. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Camardi moved to nominate Ms. Bunce to Chair. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Camardi moved to nominate Ms. Allyn as Vice-Chair. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other business:

Holiday Lights Contest: There was a discussion regarding the categories and whether there should be different ones or stay the same. It was decided to take the categories off the sign-up form and the commission will decide which category to put winners into. It was decided to remove Winter Wonderland and add Best animation/music.

Mr. Ellison spoke with a couple of members based on the discussion last month in regard to taking some of the tasks off of the Director's plate. There is a checklist and several things on that the Director does not need to do and the group could do. Director Bunce explained that he isn't trying to take stuff off of him but especially during the fall/winter he is very busy so it gets hard for him to do all of the physical things that the commission can actually do. There are still some things that as the Director he needs to do. He will come up with a more specific list. Mr. Ellison suggested forming an Ad hoc group to go through the list. This will be on the January agenda.

Chair Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Camardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

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