



Town of North Canaan
Recreation Commission
May 19, 2026

Present: Chairwoman Lindsay Crane, Tonya Roussis, Justin Ellison, Tom Bunce, Tracy Allyn, Director Adam Bunce

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

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

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

Public Comment: Jennifer Crane requested an update on the Lawrence Field signs. Chair Crane explained there has been no movement on this and she will need to touch base with the selectmen again. The signs were purchased by the Bunny McGuire account and went missing and the feeling is that they need to be replaced but not out of Rec budget.

Director Report: Director Bunce reported that softball is ongoing. Juniors go until June 16. Overall going well. There was a discussion of possibly redesigning the jerseys for juniors and seniors as there has been some mismatching the last couple years. Baseball is going ok. He needs to touch base to see if they will be playing tournament ball. No updated on the tennis courts. The pool: 9 guards have been hired. Waiting on 1 to take a course and another needs to get back with information that he requested. The fill date is May 28. There was a lengthy discussion regarding caulking and filling. There are some larger cracks but there is not enough time to do patch. Mr. Ellison will stop in the next few days and see what is needed. Director Bunce hopes to get it cleaned the first week of June and opened for June 13/14 with limited hours the week of the 15th until after graduation.

Treasurer Report: The special account is at \$12749.31. Ski season was cut short and there is a positive balance left in the account for next year or perhaps using some of them to create a swap. The final payment for the Yard Goats was sent.

Old Business:

Group Events: Mr. Ellison reported there are 2 Yard Goat games coming up – June 13 and August 16. Has not sold many tickets but there continues to be difficulty getting the word out. Little League let their teams know about the games. He was also trying to come up with ways to let local businesses know if anyone wanted to do something along the lines of

an employee day. There was a discussion regarding fundraising for an electronic sign for the town potentially being on the green across from the firehouse. There are 25 tickets for each game. There was a suggestion to put flyers up at Lone Oaks.

Monthly recreation member to do list: Mr. Ellison continues to work on it. He and Director Bunce went through it. There are some leftover items – tennis court backstop painting. There was a discussion of pickle ball and that tennis is played more frequently there.

Town Newsletter is going out next week. The Yard Goats flyer will be sent in. There was a discussion regarding Babe Ruth

New Business: Director Bunce is working on the swim lesson signups and hoping to get it out to the school by Friday. He will send the flyer to Chair Crane when done.

Selectman Bunce spoke with Torrington Area Health and they can have a designated cell phone at the pool instead of a land line as long as it is plugged into a station at all times and does not leave the pool house. Chair Crane will touch base with Selectman Bunce on that.

No further public comment.

Ms. Allyn moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Roussis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary