Town of North Canaan
Recreation Commission
January 16, 2024 – via zoom only

Present: Chairwoman Lindsey Crane, Tom Bunce, Shawn Finney, Marilisa Camardi, Tracy Allyn, Tonya Roussis, Laura Bosio, Director Adam Bunce

Chairwoman Crane called the meeting to order at 7:32pm and established a quorum.

Public Comment: Mike Reagan let the commission know that the events committee will be hosting a town tag sale June 15 and would like to use the pavilion at Lawrence Field. He will have Jen Crane email Adam to get the forms that need to be filled out and returned. No fee will be charged.

Ms. Roussis made a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Mr. Bunce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Selectman Ohler thanked the commission for having the meeting via zoom this evening and explained that he would like to have all meetings for boards/commissions be hybrid (in person and via zoom) beginning in February. He will be meeting with the chairs in the upcoming weeks to discuss the changes. The town will have a laptop for use at meetings for zoom until other equipment is purchased.

Election officers:

Ms. Camardi nominated Lindsey Crane for Chair. Mr. Bunce made a motion to accept the nomination. Ms. Camardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Camardi nominated Tracy Allyn for Vice Chair. Mr. Bunce made a motion to accept the nomination. Mr. Finney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Allyn nominated Marilisa Camardi for Treasurer. Mr. Bunce made a motion to accept the nomination. Mr. Finney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2024 Meeting Dates: Chairwoman Crane sent these out to all members. Ms. Allyn made a motion to accept the dates as presented. Ms. Camardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Directors Report, Adam Bunce: Basketball kicked off the kindergarten program at the school the first Friday in January and will run through the last Friday in February. Lisa Dennis and others are helping out. The program at the high school is going well. Director Bunce is trying to finalize midweek practices for some groups but has not received much feedback. The boys’ varsity team is helping out on Saturdays as well.

Ski Club - They are all set to go the weather needs to cooperate. There was an increase in scholarship requests and SWSA has agreed to meet it all in full. He will get all checks to Marilisa for deposit. There were a few late sign ups. Salisbury Central switched to Mohawk this year too. There were 21 that signed up. This is about average. Director Bunce would like to potentially address having it be part of the curriculum or at least open up the conversation. There was a discussion of money being an issue. Suggestion of perhaps securing funds and/or donations from funding sources could help.

Opened little league registrations today.

Basketball sign: Director Bunce will email Phil Ghi and get a proof to forward to the commission.
Treasurer Report, Marilisa Camardi: Report read into record. Balance in Special Account as of November 30 is $9776.29. Total for the gift cards/postage/ornaments for the holiday lights contest was $70. Basketball insurance was $242.08.

Old Business:

Master Rec Event Calendar: Mr. Finney moved to accept the calendar as presented. Ms. Camardi seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairwoman Crane will turn into the town hall.

NC Rec Sponsored Group/Family Events, Laura Bosio: She received some information. People who attend events pay for ticket and small portion of the bus. She is going to see if there’s an option to fit the rec program. Discussion of what event would be good. Baseball game, football game. Maybe try baseball game in Hartford at Dunkin Park as it is closer for the first time. The Bus can hold 56 passengers. There are also hockey games or UCONN games.

Tennis court sign: Director Bunce has not done anything with it yet. Pickleball can be added to it as well.

Holiday light contest went really well, and the winners were posted.

Skating rink: A new liner needs to be purchased. Selectman Ohler explained that you only get 1 season out of each tarp due to skates/sticks etc. ripping the liner. It is about $500. Ms. Camardi asked if it would be something to ask for funding from the Canaan Foundation for. The application is due Jan. 31. Mr. Bunce made a motion to purchase the liner. Ms. Camardi seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Camardi will do the application.

April Fundraiser at the Brewery keep on agenda.

North Canaan Greenway: Chairwoman Crane stated that after talking to a few people she believes it is best to leave this with the Greenway committee but let them know they can reach out to the commission if/when they need help.

Next meeting is February 20.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrsla A Odell

Recording Secretary