Winchester, CT Recreation Board Meeting

February 7th, 2024

Call to order at 7:05 pm

Members in attendance: Kurt Williams, Kurt Root, Joe Holcomb, Ann Marie Holland, Brad Burcoff, Diane Ransom, Beth Daigle, Joe Lefkowski

Absent: Bryan Sundie

Director: Tanya Risucci

Selectman Liaison: William Pozzi

Agenda Review:

Item 5: Change to Tatro Maintenance

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

12/13/23 Special Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept Diane Ransom, Seconded Ann Marie Holland. Kurt Williams, Kurt Root, Diane Ransom, Joe Lefkowski, Brad Burcoff in Favor

Joe Holcomb, Ann Marie Holland, Beth Daigle: Abstain

1/3/24 Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept with following amendments.

Amendments:

Add Beth Daigle to attendance.
Duplicate Joe Holcomb listed in attendance
Duplicate Joe Holcomb listed in adjournment.

Motion to accept Joe Holcomb, Seconded Beth Daigle

Kurt Williams, Kurt Root, Ann Marie Holland, Beth Daigle, Joe Holcomb: In Favor
Diane Ransom, Brad Burcoff, Joe Lefkowski: Abstain

Public Comment:

Tanya Risucci: Farmers Market Request for East End Park. Dates yet to be set.
WOW is the sponsoring organization. $200/day with refundable $300 security deposit.
Tanya to move forward to work with group.

Victor Dubourg: Attending meeting to determine interest in joining board as member.
Currently a 13 year member of town water/sewer department.
**Tatro Pond Maintenance**

-Tanya indicated that Lance Hanson and Jim Rollins are waiting information and next steps on Tatros dam condition/replacement.

Kurt Williams will request update from Jim Rollins with some greater details to share with board members.

**501C3 Friends of Park & Rec**

Kristine Laverie & William Pozzi gave an informational overview of how a 501 c3 organization works and could assist Recreational improvements/activities. Upcoming fiscal year is going to be a very tough one and this maybe an avenue to continue moving forward with improvements. Group if formed would buy and install improvements and then donate to Park and Rec department.

Kristine listed out a number of items which an organization would be required to have or should be aligned towards

- Typically 3- 4 people on Board of Directors. Should have some type of accounting background, good social networking skills and be aggressive in achieving goals.
- No Rec Board members should be on board as director level but could be a liaison.
- Group would require By-Laws, Good Mission Statement, File necessary paperwork with IRS and be a working board.

Board will revisit this at its March meeting.

**Chairman Report**

- Travel Basketball regular season is ending soon and appears that all Winsted travel teams in Jr and Sr divisions are fairly high up in the rankings coming into playoff time in early March.
- We are currently at 9 members with resignation of Shayne Deschamps on 1/16. By charter we are at minimum level. Charter indicates 9-13 members are allowed. Need to solicit for additional members and at March meeting we will discuss open board officer /Secretary position.
- Diane Ransom term ends April 2024. At tonight’s meeting she has signed request for new term to be placed in front of Selectman.

**WYL BB/SB Updates:**

- WYL will take over background check process starting this year
- Graffiti at BB/SB storage building and other places at fields/playground.
- ID Signage for fields being considered. Will bring back concepts to Rec Board to review
- WYL will look at what could possibly be added to Gaylord Tiffinay annual request which occurs in May. Info will be directed towards Tanya.
- Looking to utilize Green Building kitchen for concession purposes during SB games. Need to look at fence along first base sideline for safety.
- WYL added 2 additional members in January.

**Directors Report/Winter Programs:**

Basketball programs are all going good with only 1 missed weekend due to weather.

Review of the following flyers for programs/activities which are going onto website

- Tennis Lessons -May
- “Touch a Truck” Free Event. Option for sponsorships which will go towards Scholarship for summer camp registration.
- Sept 14th Bus trip Yankees v Redsox : 1 pm game $135 Right Field bleachers . Max 54 people
- Corn hole league at Elks for Adults . Starts end of Feb.
- Pedal your way to fun. May 4th
- Entry level fitness 8 week program . Starts 2/27( McEnroe Fitness Groppo Drive)
- Coed SB Flyer
- Easter Event March 30th Green Building
- Tiny Tykes Soccer May time period. 2-3 yr old and 3-5 yr olds Sunday mornings
- Karate Classes.

**Department items**

- Jamie currently assisting in development of vendor list used by Maintenance group.
- Part time Field maintainer. 5 interviews will be conducted for part time position.
- Summer staff request for return interest has been issued. Request required to be returned by 3/15
  - Estimating that there will be 5 new summer camp staff members and a few returning life guards. Interviews will commence in April.
- Budget Discussion - Review Highlights
  - No new joint position currently in proposed budget.
  - Cut in budgeted OT.
  - Capital Review Multiyear Plan requests.
    - Field back stops $32,000/year starting 2026
    - Holland Beach Improvements : On Hold
    - Addition to Playground building (Design ): $12,000
    - Tatro Pond Construction activities
    - New Dump truck. Look to transfer one from DPW to Rec Department
    - Tennis court resurfacing
    - Sue Grossman and other walking trails
    - Aerator for rec fields
    - New Infield grooming machine.
    - Back Hoe attachment for tractor.
    - New Maint truck 2027
    - Walker field and Rowley Field lights 2028
- Will continue to look at high Eversource Bill from November 2023 to pinpoint meter and actual location

- Old Business:
  - None

- New Business:
  - New Foul poles for Ryan field are in

Adjournment: 8:35 pm first motion made by Ann Marie Holland, seconded by Diane Ransom. Unanimous

Next Meeting: March 6th 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Williams

Winchester, CT Recreation Department Board Chairman

The above minutes have not been approved by the Recreation Board, Approval will be made on the next regularly scheduled meeting.