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Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting: February 13, 2019
7:00 PM at 31 Arbor Way

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Sherry Kraus, Shay Drake, Christopher Weitz, Jennifer Mullin, Cynthia Costanzo (7:10 PM)

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation; Lori Spielman, First Selectman; Felicia LaPlante, Acting Director of Finance (left 7:20 PM); Erin Orvis, Lacrosse Association President

AGENDA:

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Gordon Oliver, chairman called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 29, 2018 special meeting

MOVED BOSCARINO SECONDED WEITZ AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING.

- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None
- V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None

VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

A. Introduction- Recreation Director

Dustin Huguenin briefly introduced himself to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

B. 2019-2020 FY Budget Proposal

Felicia LaPlante, Acting Director of Finance, reviewed the changes made to the Parks and Recreation Commission budget from the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. One increase was to the Townwide Maintenance account to include the Sandy Beach Safety Capital Request. Gordon Oliver asked why the capital improvement expense was not approved for capital improvement and requested to be placed in the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget. Felicia LaPlante explained that the proposed project didn't qualify for capital improvement due to the multiple items that fell into the request. The other increase to the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year budget was the addition to the Recreation Programs budget to include additional funding for night and weekend staffing. This adjustment was proposed by the Parks and Recreation Budget Subcommittee.

MOVED BOSCARINO SECONDED WEITZ AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PROPOSAL.

C. Winter Program update

Mary Bartley reviewed the current winter programs that are in session. She noted that basketball season is coming to an end with playoffs coming up. In addition to the high school boys informal basketball league we also have a new high school girls informal basketball teams playing in South Windsor this year. Additionally little league baseball and softball registration is up and running. The indoor tryout have been set up through School Dude. The lacrosse coaches and parent meeting has been set up and scheduled as well. Tom Boscarino noted the addition of the new scoreboard that was donated by John Jordan and what a nice addition it has been to the Center School and the games. The commission acknowledged doing something to thank John for the donation to the Ellington Recreation Department.

D. Spring program update

Spring flyer was approved today by the Superintendent. The Recreation Department will make copies to go out to the schools next week. Dan Dryburgh has been working with the department on CJSA spring soccer. Dan will also be running the track and field program again this spring. Additional programs the Recreation Department will be offering this spring include tennis, judo, t-ball, youth volleyball, as well as summer employment opportunities.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance: 2018-19 (revenue) Budget review: None**
- B. Maintenance: Field usage: None**
- C. Operations: Attendance (program) recommendations.**

Tom Boscarino asked the commission to review the proposed Attendance (program) policy prior to the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting so the commission is able to discuss the policy and make recommendations.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

Christopher Weitz read the current Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) as it pertains to the Parks and Recreation Commission looking for recommendations for additions to the plan. He asked that the Parks and Recreation Commission review the current plan think of what changes and additions should be included as part of the new Plan of Conservation and Development for the Town of Ellington. Weitz requested recommendations be sent to him as soon as possible before the next POCD regular scheduled meeting.

Gordon Oliver has asked if there was any update on the Poulin project. Lori Spielman, First Selectman, stated she had not heard from her for a few weeks and that there was no update from the Foundation in regards to the next steps. Jenn Mullin asked about the money that had been set aside in the 18-19 FY budget for the work on Middle Road. Lori Spielman noted that she believed the money was being moved to the 19-20 FY budget. The proposed walking trail at Brookside Park has been placed on hold at this time due to several factors that may change the diameters of the proposed trail.

Cindy Costanzo had the American flag that was flown over the capital in memory of Robert Tedford. The Parks and Recreation Commission felt that they should hold onto the flag until they could present it to the family in a formal ceremony pending which facility or plan they think would honor the memory of Bob.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Erin Orvis, Lacrosse Association President, spoke about the upcoming Lacrosse program. The boy's senior team (grades 7 & 8) currently has 31 registered for the program. The league is CVYL (for the boys) and they are able to register an A & B team or two A teams. They do not give the option to have two B teams. Erin asked the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the how to split the teams for this age group. The recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission is that the Lacrosse program has to complete an evaluation to split the participants into an A and B team based off of the scores from the evaluation(s). Mary Bartley noted she would look into submitting dates via School Dude to gain access into the school gymnasiums for an evaluation the senior boys' team. Erin stated that she would follow up with the parents to explain the process of the A and B team, since this is something new for this age group. She also would place an option to note which team their child would be interested in playing for to see if there would be an even split between the A and B team without an evaluation.

X. ADJOURN

MOVED WEITZ SECONDED COSTANZO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8: 54 PM.

Submitted by:

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