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Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting: November 14, 2018
7:00 PM @ 31 Arbor Way

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Cynthia Costanzo, Kevin Hayes, Sherry Kraus, Shay Drake, Jennifer Mullin, Christopher Weitz (arrived 7:18pm)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation; Kristen Wasielewski, Administrative Assistant II; Lori Spielman, First Selectman; Cindy Desrocher, Sarah Poulin, Jim Desrocher, Gary Pescosolido; Valerie Amsel

AGENDA:

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Gordon Oliver, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Oct. 10, 2018 regular meeting

MOVED (SHAY) SECONDED (COSTANZO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 10, 2018 REGULAR MEETING.

IV. **PUBLIC FORUM**

MOVED (COSTANZO) SECONDED (BOSCARINO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE THE PUBLIC FORUM TO AFTER THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

MOVED (OLIVER) SECONDED (MULLIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:07PM BEFORE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

MOVED (MULLIN) SECONDED (BOSCARINO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:36PM AND CONTINUE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

A: Review/discuss the updated (JRP) Poulin Foundation project.

Discussion of the option of Brookside Park as an alternative location (other than Middle Road) for the JRP Poulin Foundation. The discussion surrounded the proposal to fit all the phases of the playground as well as deck hockey. Sarah Poulin spoke about the project and felt that all the proposed phases of the playground would fit in the scope of the location. Discussion continued in regards to the relocation of the soccer field, the risk management of using the space, the town's responsibility for the project, and the maintenance. Discussion lead to what the foundation wanted in the long term and what they envisioned for the foundations project. No final decision has been made in regards to the Poulin project at this time.

VI. RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. FALL: program /review/update

A discussion regarding the role of the Assistant Recreation Director and her ability to act in the place of the Recreation Director, at this time, was talked over at length. The discussion was initiated by the Assistant Recreation Director, Mary Bartley. First Selectman, Lori Spielman, didn't comment on appointing Mary Bartley as the Acting Recreation Director. Commission member Sherry Kraus asked further regarding appointing Mary Bartley as the acting director. First Selectman Spielman stated that if she was to make a decision that night, that she would appoint an individual known to her but unknown to members of the Ellington Parks and Recreation Commission. The Ellington Parks and Recreation Commission asked and requested that Mary Bartley, the current Assistant Recreation Director, be appointed the Acting Parks and Recreation Director by unanimous consensus. First Selectman, Lori Spielman acknowledged the request and stated she would contact Gordon Oliver, Chairman of the Ellington Parks and Recreation Commission, the following afternoon in regards to this request, as well as the general procedures for fulfilling the duties of the Recreation Director.

B. Travel Basketball Evaluations/policy/2018 outcomes

Review given on December 1st recreational basketball evaluations. Mary Bartley will run the girls evaluation and Sherri Kraus will run the boys evaluation. Kevin Hayes will work with Ted Symanski to get updates on travel basketball.

Instructional basketball begins on December 8th. Mary would like to hire a site supervisor and have the coaches self-run the program so she can be available at additional sites if needed. The recreation basketball games are set to begin on January 5th. Kevin Hayes will speak to Ted Symanski about the recreation schedule as well. A discussion regarding Bruce Dinne helping step in to support Mary and the Recreation Department was also discussed.

C. Capital Improvement budget proposal for: 2018-19 FY

D. Scoreboard installation @ Pinney Fields: In memory of Hunter K. Giroux(status)

Scoreboard is here and the installation and ceremony is pending. Christopher Weitz will speak with the Giroux family to find out what type of arrangements had been made with Bob and what they would like to do in memory of Hunter and the installation of the scoreboard going forward.

E. Special Events schedule/update: Poulin 3 vs. 3 event: Oct. 8, 2018

F. Fall soccer: Post-season awards/Northeast Soccer League.

G. Re MEMO: request to assign commission members as liaisons re Rec/bball leagues(update)

H. Nov. 3: FALL Festival: 5K and 3K Road Races (postponed)

The postponed date of December 1st has been cancelled and the office will be working on notifying and refunding all those who registered.

I. Security: Create ID (laminated) for all volunteer staff, especially indoor (gymnasium) use

J. Evening and weekend access to public school gymnasiums. Town-wide safety admin mtg.

K. Eagle Scout project (Batz Property/complex), and Sandy Beach/Brookside Park

BY CONSENSUS, THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TABLED TO A SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 28, 2018, 7:00 P.M., ALL RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT ITEMS THAT WERE NOT ABLE TO BE REPORTED ON DUE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SUDDEN DEATH OF THE RECREATION DIRECTOR.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance: 2018-19 (revenue) Budget review

B. Maintenance: Field usage

C. Outdoor facilities: Crystal lake School athletic improvements/field use

D. Operations: Attendance (program) recommendations

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VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

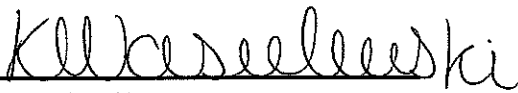
A. Discuss: Plan of Conservation and Development (plan)

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X. ADJOURN

MOVED (WEITZ) SECONDED (DRAKE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 9:21PM

Submitted by:

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Kristen Wasielewski