Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2022
7:00 PM via zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Boscarino, Cynthia Costanzo, Tara Kozik, Cheri Murphy, Christopher Weitz, Kevin Hayes, Shay Drake, and Sherry Kraus.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation; Jennifer Dzen, Board of Education Chairman

I. CALL TO ORDER: Thomas Boscarino Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

II. DPH YOUTH & AMATEUR SPORT GUIDANCE: D. Huguenin, Recreation Director, discussed the updated guidelines from the DPH regarding the vaccinated and unvaccinated status of children in youth sports, as well as the protocols provided by the DPH allowing children to participate in sports. C. Costanzo discussed the DPH’s newest guidance which has been modified twice since the original indoor sports guidance was provided. There are currently different procedures on contact tracing at the school level vs. youth sports activities. C. Costanzo contacted Jamie Foster in regards to the DPH guidance. She also reached out to Brenda Sisco who provided her contact information for Michael Rell, Volunteer Mayor in Wethersfield, and lobbyist for CIAC and CRPA. C. Costanzo would like to set up a meeting for the Recreation Commission to meet with our local or state DPH officials to get answers to the questions that they have in regards to the current indoor sports guidance. They would like to get a better understanding of the science behind these guidelines. T. Kozik would like to have some science based data research provided that supports the current DPH guidelines. S. Kraus would like to meet with the DPH for an explanation of how they think this guidance can work. The Recreation Commission would also like to know the First Selectman’s stance on these current guidelines. D. Huguenin has contacted the First Selectman’s office to set up a meeting with her, however, she is currently on vacation and Dave Stavens is filling in. The Commission feels it would be beneficial for Dustin to have a meeting with Mr. Stavens. to obtain his recommendations on the current issue of inconsistence between the schools programs and the parks & recreation program guidelines. M. Bartley recommended that before having the meeting with Mr. Stavens he is aware that the Recreation Department programs follow DPH guidelines and not those of the CIAC.

III. ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING PROPOSAL: T. Boscarino had reached out to D. Huguenin and M. Bartley to obtain a copy of the email that was sent out previously about the Field Lighting Project. Since no response has been received as of this time, T. Boscarino plans to send a follow up email to the First Selectman, Director of Public Works and the Board of Finance Chairman as to the status of their response regarding the questions that were previously submitted back in December 2021.
IV. ADJOURN
MOTION (WEITZ) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:07 PM.

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