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Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting May 31, 2023
7:00 PM at 31 Arbor Way
Zoom option available
(see instructions to join below)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Boscarino, Shay Drake, Tara Kozik, Sherry Kraus, Christopher Weitz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation; Megan Lung, Recreation Program Assistant.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Thomas Boscarino called the meeting to order at 7:09PM.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 26, 2023 special meeting
MOVED (WEITZ) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE April 26, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.
- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None.
- V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None.
- VI. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Recreation Director Huguenin reported to the commission that soccer enrollment this spring had about a 20% increase, with a total of 326 youth soccer players, and lacrosse enrollment has plateaued. Beach pass sales are in full swing, and gardeners have planted their plots. The recreation department was able to purchase 2 new lifeguard chairs, now affixed at Sandy Beach, making the total of 6 permanent chairs. Director Huguenin addressed the issue of trash receptacles in the parks to the commission. The trash receptacles were placed back in the parks the Tuesday prior to this meeting. Director Huguenin expressed to the commission that the public had taken note of the removal of the trash bins, and were not in support of the removal. Director Huguenin reported that there is currently 1 portlet at Pinney Fields, and 2-3 portalets at Tedford Park; additionally the Tedford Park pavilion bathrooms are currently open 24/7.
- VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. Finance: The town budget was voted on and passed.
 - B. Maintenance: None.
 - C. Operations: The Operations Sub-committee held a meeting on April 26, 2023 to address age and eligibility in youth sports. It was unanimously recommended that Ellington Lacrosse team selections should be on an age appropriate basis. Example (a U10 player cannot try out for a U12 team, if following the 2 year age groupings).

MOVED (DRAKE) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF AGE AND ELIGIBILITY IN LACROSSE TEAM SELECTION.

Commission member Boscarino said that youth soccer has used this recommendation for nearly 10 years.

MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (DRAKE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF AGE AND ELIGIBILITY IN SOCCER TEAM SELECTION OUTLINED IN THE September 23, 2013 OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Poulin Project: The concrete for the Dek Hockey rink has been poured, and sides are being constructed. It is hopeful that the project will be completed in a few months, with which the recreation department will begin exploring programs to utilize the rink.
- B. Athletic Field Lighting Project: At the most recent Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, residents concerns over the proposed lighting project were heard. The P&Z Commission stipulated that lights will be out at 9PM, at Tedford Park and Pinney Fields, 9:30PM on weekends. After some discussion, Parks and Recreation Commission members questioned the utilization of the lights, if they will be shut off so early. With this discussion, the idea was raised that individual leagues may potentially address this with P&Z.
- C. Master Plan: None.
- D. Disc Golf Course Project: Commission member Boscarino reported to the commission that he reviewed the deed and will of the Batz property and explained that it would be difficult to build a disc golf course there, and remain within the parameters of the will. Director Huguenin expressed that he is interested in getting a new soil test performed at the Stein Rd. property, in order to develop an updated wetlands map. With the current wetlands map, a 9-hole disc golf course will still be difficult to avoid the wetlands, and disc golf enthusiasts would not be in support, and less likely to utilize it as it would not be an official course.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Seasonal Employee Approval Request (Camp/Aquatics):

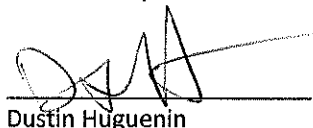
MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (WEITZ) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED DAY CAMP STAFFING SCHEDULE.

MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (DRAKE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AQUATICS STAFFING SCHEDULE.

X. ADJOURN

MOVED (WEITZ) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:10PM.

Submitted by:



Dustin Huguenin