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PUTNAM RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Minutes
TUESDAY September 26, 2023 *(last Tuesday of each month)*

TIME: 5:30 PM

Room #112/First Floor/Municipal Complex

Meeting called to order	Time: 6:05 pm By: Chairman Peter P
Members Present:	Peter Pezanko, Stephen Faucher, Nathan Brodeur, Dave Vitale, Eric Sabourin
Absent:	
1) Motion to approve minutes:	Motion: Steve F 2 nd : Dave V Discussion: none So moved
2) Public Participation:	none
3) Correspondence / Approval of Requests:	Relay for Life NECT considering moving annual event to St Marie Greenhalgh. Bonus is it can be lit. Must be cautious of sprinkler system. More to come.
4) Parks & Maintenance Report(s) / Projects:	*Vet's Park Committee: moving in process (viburnum) & replacing with (arborvitaes) along Synagogue fence *Rotary Park: 2 new ornaments coming this year to complement existing big ornament (via Bryant U \$3000 purchase of 3 old fire pots & PBA donation \$3000) *Tennis Courts: Spring 2024 project *Miller Park: plaques on wall & bench are all in place *St Marie-Greenhalgh: fall fertilization complete (at all fields) *Lions Dog Park: new plaque for dogwood/Mr. Ford is in - Fran Gregoire plaque moved from Rotary to Lions - Padlock to Steve F for kiosk *Cargill Falls: tree/brush clearing done – viewing improved *Steve's Blossoms: using old fire pots, will be placed in arch layout at Rt 44 & Kennedy Dr on hill across from public bathroom week of 10/1 *King's Hill: status is it is still being used, some older swings/equipment still in place, used for sledding. No plan to improve the playground equipment at this time, as the new playscape was just installed at town complex/library. *Air Line Trail: questioned as to who maintains once it is improved. If not state, can town do it, or volunteer group? (ie: Thompson Trails seems to do a portion by Tri-State marker, state website https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Air-Line-State-Park-Trail notes that since 2018 the town of Portland CT maintains a portion, and also states that anyone interested in maintenance of the trail are encouraged to contact their local Parks & Rec Dept). Where is the liability? Willie to seek more information.
5) Events Reports:	ON DECK: *Friday, October 6, Zombie Fashion Show in Rotary Park -big numbers expected *Saturday, October 21, Great Pumpkin Festival, downtown & kids zone in Rotary Park - vendors sold out, waiting list started - Train coming again, expecting 300 visitors, rides going out offered at \$20 *Scarecrow contest just posted, will again maximize scarecrow displays for Pumpkin Fest visitors *Saturday, October 28, Downtown Trick or Treating, 2-3:30 *Sunday, November 26, Holiday Dazzle Light Parade, 5pm, apps out

	PAST: *Sunday, September 10, Savor the Flavor, \$20, 12-2, well attended
6) 2023 Activities / Leagues:	*HS sports, include soccer & football (Thanksgiving eve game) * WPTP football & cheer *NECONN soccer *Fall Baseball: PSA & TriTown practices, LL has 1 team All continuing, no new news to report
7) Senior COA (Commission on Aging) Activities:	ON DECK: *Road trips 10/19 Royal Buffet, 11/16 Wright's Chicken Farm *Dances at Elks: 10/11, 11/8, 12/6 Christmas Party *DKH free Fall prevention program 9/27, 1:30-2:30pm – almost 20 signed up *Senior Forum 10/3, 5:30-8pm (Labonte/Probate & Alzheimer's Assoc) *Life File Cards (vital health/personal/contact info in a sleeve that magnets to fridge for emergency reference): in the works, qty 1000 for \$2000, 2 sponsors @ \$1000 covering cost, EMTs to help deliver to all congregate housing. Steve F showed interest if another batch will be made he will suggest to Lions Club that they may want to be 1 of the 2 sponsors PAST: *Road trips 8/31 Webster Slater Museum/Lodge Restaurant (66), 9/21 Gregg's (63) *Dances at Elks: 9/13, 50 attended night of tornado in Killingly
8) Any Other Business:	Boxcar Museum area: *Retaining wall on S Main Street being painted with boxcar book cover themes by Elaine Turner/School Arts group. \$300 per book cover sponsorships. They have at least 19 at this point *Berm of overgrown shrubs & parking lot behind Crossings/Jessicas – shrubs taken out, hydroseeding going in & parking lot being (Public works project)
Adjournment:	Time: 6:42 pm Motion: Peter P, 2 nd : Steve F, So Moved
Respectfully Submitted:	<i>Marcy B. Dawley</i> , Acting Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday *October 24, 5:30 pm

(*note: meeting was scheduled for other than the last Tuesday of the month due to that date being Halloween 10/31/23)

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Members:

Peter Pezanko- Chairman, Stephen Faucher, Nathan Brodeur, Dave Vitale, Eric Sabourin

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