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Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting January 3, 2024
7:00 PM at 31 Arbor Way
Zoom option available

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Thomas Boscarino, Cynthia Costanzo, Kevin Hayes, Sherry Kraus, Shay Drake, Cheri Murphy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation; Kevin Barrett, Recreation Coordinator; Corey Maznicki, Recreation Program Assistant; and Ryan Menard, 5th & 6th Boys Travel Coach.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Gordon Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting
MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2023 REVISED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.
- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM:** Eligibility Requirements for Basketball Travel Teams
Thomas Boscarino made a motion that the new business item be moved up to the public forum.
MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (HAYES) ALL IN FAVOR TO MOVE THE ITEM UP THE AGENDA TO PUBLIC FORUM.


Discussion was had regarding the possibility of an ineligible player on a travel basketball team. Vice Chairman T. Boscarino reiterated that the travel basketball policy requires that teams are formulated according to current grade level. It is the recommendation of the recreation director and the recreation commission that the ineligible player be immediately removed from the travel basketball team. Chairman Gordon Oliver suggests handling the issue in two phases; removal of the ineligible player from the team and to contact the next eligible player and offer them the open spot. Discussion ensued regarding future preventative measures to ensure all players are eligible at the time of tryouts.

Motion was made to support the Recreation Director's decision to remove a player from the current 2023/2024 boys 5th grade travel basketball team due to grade ineligibility; and it is recommended that the Recreation Director promptly and preferably, before the team's next scheduled practice or game, notify the affected player's parents and the team coach, in writing, that the player is no longer eligible to play and shall not be permitted to play in any further games for the Ellington 5th grade boys travel basketball team; and it is further recommended that the Recreation Director promptly issue, to the head coach, a revised team roster accordingly.

MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (COSTANZO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE RECREATION DIRECTOR'S DECISION TO REMOVE A PLAYER FROM THE CURRENT 2023/2024 BOYS 5TH GRADE TRAVEL BASKETBALL TEAM DUE TO GRADE INELIGIBILITY.

- V. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None.
- VI. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Introduction of new employee Recreation Program Assistant Corey Maznicki.
- VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. Finance: None
 - B. Maintenance: None
 - C. Operations: None
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Poulin Project: None
 - B. Athletic Field Lighting Project: Approved
 - C. Master Plan: None
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Eligibility Requirements for Basketball Travel Teams – Discussion moved to Public Forum.
- X. **ADJOURN**
MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (OLIVER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:15 PM.

Submitted by:



Dustin Huguenin