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PUTNAM RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING **Minutes**

TUESDAY October 29, 2024 *(last Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted)*

TIME: 5:30 PM Room #112/First Floor/Municipal Complex

Meeting called to order	Time: 5:30 pm By: Chairman Peter Pezanko
Members Present:	Nathan Brodeur, Stephen Faucher, Penny Paquette, Peter Pezanko, Eric Sabourin, Rec Director Bousquet, plus 1 guest (town admin Elaine Sistare)
Absent:	
1) Motion to approve minutes:	Motion: Steve F, 2 nd : Nate B, Discussion: none, Peter P (absent from last meeting) and Penny P (attended last meeting but as guest only) both abstained from the vote, otherwise Approved
2) Public Participation:	Town Admin Sistare commented on Willie's upcoming retirement and his vast variety of roles with different commissions (Rec, VAC, COA) as well as other aspects. She plans to take a more active role in day-to-day transactions with the various boards.
3) Correspondence / Approval of Requests:	Peter Pezanko (chairman) tendered his resignation effective December 31, 2024, leaving him this, November & December meetings left to participate. A new member will be needed as well as someone to fill the Chairman seat at that time.
4) Parks & Maintenance Report(s) / Projects:	*Lions Dog Park: nothing to report *Miller Park: nothing to report *Murphy Park: nothing to report other than the Blue Bldg is heated and stays open year-round. *Rotary Park: Replacement pole delivered, to be put in month of November before Christmas season. Contractor has it on their schedule. *St Marie-Greenhalgh: 2025 complex work in scope: fence & surrounding asphalt, parking lot, resurface track, 2 new scoreboards (St Marie-G & Tarr), seat covers home side bleachers. CHA (engineer/design firm) working on up-to-date estimate & timeframe for remodel plan. Will then need approval for funding. **Concessions @ St-M-G update: propane changed out to Spicer (Rec pd for swap, WPTP pays for propane), old grill out, anseal syst updated, 2 new fryolators in (WPTP). *Tarr Park: nothing to report other than new scoreboard as noted in St Marie-G plans. *Tennis Courts: Project to be done in Spring 2025, funds already allocated (3 pickle balls & 1 tennis court), still working on final details with one contractor to do asphalt & striping, possible fencing to be included. *Veterans Park: last order of bricks received, dedication set for Sunday, November 10, 1pm, details of event logistics shared, to be released in news tomorrow 10/30/24. Seats can be reserved for Rec Commission members if they rsvp soon (asap). *OTHER: River Trail: Tree carving w/town logo, PUTNAM, PAF sponsor completed *Winterizing/Irrigation in all applicable parks & facilities (Vets Park, Rotary Park, Bandstand) complete.

5) Events Reports:	PAST: 10/4 Zombie, 10/19 Great Pumpkin Fest, 10/26 Downtown Trick or Treat, plus recap of other summer overall events (fireworks, al fresco yacht rock concert, 2 river fires, car show, savor the flavor) COMING: 11/29 Santa lights up Putnam, 12/1 Holiday Dazzle Light Parade (apps out, planning in progress)
6) Activities/Leagues/Programs:	Report given: WPTP finished, NECONN to finish this week, High School games season ending. Winter Youth Hoop apps now out, starts 12/7 runs through end of February (practices Wed & Thurs nights, games Saturdays, tourneys in early March)
7) Senior COA (Commission on Aging) Activities:	PAST: (not noted in meeting but these completed events did take place since last month's meeting): 10/1 Linda Lamoureux Forum (scams), 10/9 Sr Halloween Dance, 10/17 lunch bus trip to UConn & Royal Buffet COMING: 11/13 Sr dance @ Elks, 6-8 with football theme. Sponsors have reached out to local HS senior players & asked them to attend, 11/21 last bus lunch trip of the year to Wright's Chicken Farm, 12/3 @ 6pm Christmas party in community room.
8) Any Other Business:	*Report from 10/7/24 selectmen's meeting: Willie B & Peter P attended the meeting to explain background for non-acceptance of the Logee property that was offered. In short, there are a number of projects already on deck for short & long-term timelines to take on any more projects. No action is needed from the selectmen. *Presentation of 2025 meeting dates for review, for approval before start of 2024: 5:30pm, Room 112 (last Tues of each month): 1/28/2025, 2/25/2025, 3/25/2025, 4/29/2025, 5/27/2025, 6/24/2025, 7/29/2025, 8/26/2025, 9/30/2025, 10/28/2025, 11/25/2025, 12/30/2025. Discussion: Elaine S wondered if there could be any flexibility to the schedule (days, times) with an effort to not require as many non-workday hours for staff. Members noted that this day & time works best for them as set. Steve F made motion, Nate 2nd to accept the 2025 meeting schedule as submitted, with flexibility to occur (cancelation of meeting(s) or special meeting(s) as needed. All Approved. *Steve F noted that at the last meeting on 9/24/24: "Steve F was asked to sit on search committee for new director as rep from Rec Commission." However he was not asked by town admin to participate. Elaine S apologized for any miscommunication, but it is not common to have any commission/board member participate in staffing process. She then noted that a few candidates have been interviewed and the review process is still ongoing.
9) Adjournment:	Time: 6:15pm Motion: Steve F, 2 nd : Nate B, So Moved
Respectfully Submitted:	<i>Marcy B. Dawley</i> , Acting Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday November 26, 2024 @ 5:30 pm, Room 112

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Members: Peter Pezanko- Chairman, Stephen Faucher, Nathan Brodeur, Eric Sabourin, Penny Paquette