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Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025
7:00PM, at 31 Arbor Way
Virtual option available

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Oliver, Tom Boscarino, Cynthia Costanzo, Sherry Kraus, Shaylan Drake, Cheri Murphy and Tara Kozik.

OTHER PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation; Mary M. Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation; Kevin Barrett, Recreation Supervisor and Jamieson Boucher, Ellington Selectman Liaison.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:**
Commission Chairman Gordon Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.
- II. CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - A. E-mail from Courtney Main, parent -Subject: 4–5-Year-old Soccer. Chairman Oliver read the E-mail to the Recreation Commission for discussion. A discussion was had amongst the commission members, and all agreed that the subject at hand for the parent request was met that the recreation department made the best decision in making sure that all parties involved were in agreement with our current player policy of age requirements.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - A. MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (COSTANZO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MARCH 12, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.
 - B. December 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Amended Minutes MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (MURPHY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 11, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AMENDED MINUTES.
- IV. PUBLIC FORUM:** None
- V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None
- VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Dustin Huguenin reported that long-time Ellington High School boys' lacrosse coach, David Giordano is retiring at the end of this spring season after 23 years. The Giordano family will be having a dedication to honor his support and guidance to the program on June 1st at Pinney Fields, inviting former Alumni and current players. The community garden at the Batz property is ready for planting. Dek Hockey has two groups running a small 6-week pilot program. Rich Willis, EHS Tennis Coach and longtime recreation Tennis Coach has started a new youth Team Tennis program that is heavily attended. Spring Soccer and Lacrosse are going well; there has been an increased number of girls in both sports this spring. Sandy Beach will be opening Memorial Weekend (weather & staff permitting). Assistant Recreation Director/Waterfront Director, M. Bartley informed the commission that she has nine staff out of 14 from last summer and is recruiting more employees to make sure the waterfront will be managed in a safe and exciting. Recreation Supervisor, Kevin Barrett gave an update on the Summer Day Camps. Mr. Barrett stated that the Day Camp staff has a large number returning from last year (20+) and they have begun planning for the camps being held at the Crystal Lake School and for our Teen Adventure Camp held at EMS for one week this summer. Numbers are filling up for the eight weeks of camp.

There is some concern about the summer camps for next year as the State is currently trying to change camp requirements, which can be very costly for us to hold camps in the future.

(New Senate Bill 6 sections 5 & 6 this Bill has currently been approved by the Senate)

Mr. Huguenin will keep the Commission apprised for updates. J. Boucher has asked Recreation Director Huguenin to provide him with some numbers and current feedback due to the new proposal of this Bill.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance: None
- B. Maintenance: None
- C. Operations: T. Boscarino is setting up a meeting with the Operations subcommittee.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Parks Master Plan: Beach Master Plan is included in this year's proposed budget.
- B. Travel Basketball Roster Limits: waiting for results of Operations subcommittee meeting.
- C. FY 26 Budget: Mill Rate 1.5, Vote 5.27.2025 @ Senior Center.
- D. Market Park: N/A

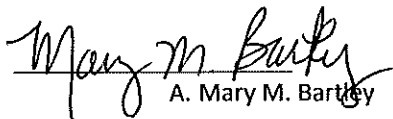
IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion of Extension of Athletic Fields Lighting Hours
- B. B. Approval of Summer Seasonal Staff: MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (KRAUS) TO APPROVED THE 2025 SEASONAL SUMMER DAY CAMP AND WATERFRONT STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS AS SUBMITTED TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION. APPROVED 6:1, ABSTAIN (KOZIK)

X. ADJOURN:

MOVED (BOSCARINO) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:34PM.

Submitted by:


A. Mary M. Bartley