

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 18, 2012

Present

Pam Henry                    Al Giansanti  
Dave Kennedy              Bob Appleby  
Timothy Allen  
Sue Spang/Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke  
Peter Lee

Guests

Donald Bourdeau  
Roland Trailor              Art Christen

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**1. MINUTES:**

**M/S/C (Kennedy/Henry) to approve the December 17, 2012 minutes presented.  
Vote: approved unanimous.**

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The budget was presented and discussed.

**M/S/C (Giansanti/Kennedy) to accept the Recreation Commission Budget as presented. Vote:  
approved unanimous.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Roland Trailor updated the Commission on the Salem Youth Baseball League. He reported registration is down 8% from last year; volunteers have decreased; there are no volunteers for the Rookie (age 6 & 7) and there is no snack stand coordinator as of right now for the season.

There will be sign sponsors for the fields this season.

Opening Day is April 27; rain date is April 28<sup>th</sup>. Games will start on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The water will be turned on by Public Works; S. Spang will call to have the port-o-potties delivered.

The refrigerator and freezer are fine for now in the snack stand, but will need to be replaced in the future.

The pitching mounds will need to be stored.

The bottom of the dugouts is starting to rot. Mr. Trailor asked if pressure treated wood can be put down underneath the flooring; he has volunteers to do the work.

The Gilded Edge is donating 4 plagues for the dugouts. Public Works will install them.

The new scoreboard may be purchased.

The prep team will be combined with Colchester; the senior players will play with Colchester.

S. Spang mentioned that maybe some of the seniors would be interested in helping with the snack stand; the next Senior meeting is on April 9, 10:00am at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Traylor asked the Commission for the funding for the League and if it was available. S. Spang stated it would be sent to the League.

Art Christen thanked the Commission for the use of the gym over the holiday break. He stated the players enjoyed the time for basketball.

a. Don Bourdeau Report:

The tennis court nets will be put up as soon as it stops snowing.

Work is being done on the batting cage; leveling and wire repaired will be done.

The pitcher mounds may be stored at the Zemko property.

The multi-purpose room at the school is available for use Saturdays and Sundays.

The playground at Round Hill Road is being worked on and the parking lot work will start soon.

The fence along the playground and the major league field needs to be repaired.

The stone dust path needs to be redone.

P. Henry asked what the policy was for using the school track during the daytime and if the school had a policy about it. D. Bourdeau said the school is reviewing if the use should be available during the day.

S. Spang said there are signs that could be posted at the school site to discourage dog walking on the field.

#### 4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

None

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

a. **2013/2014 Budget Motion**

S. Spang reported the budget was presented to the Board of Finance with a decrease (from fee based activities). She felt as though the budget was well received from the BOF.

**M/S/C (Giansanti/Kennedy) to accept the 2013/2014 Salem Recreation Commission budget as presented.**

**Vote: approved unanimous.**

b. **Capital Requests**

For the 10 year Capital plan; S. Spang reported playground equipment was added on.

c. **New Member**

S. Spang informed the Committee Rich Cirillo stepped down from the Commission. She asked if the members knew of someone that would like to be on the Commission, please contact her.

d. **Basketball Program**

Chris Pugliese informed S. Spang that he will not return as the Recreation Basketball Coordinator next season. S. Spang asked if any member knows of someone willing to run the program, please contact her.

**e. Storage at Zemko Property**

There will be availability for recreational equipment storage at the Town owned Zemko property. Soccer goals and pitching mounds will be able to be stored there. S. Spang asked the Committee members to let her know what needs the leagues need for storage.

**f. League Insurance Discussion**

League Insurance was discussed and what is owned by the Town and what the leagues are responsible for. S. Spang discussed having a MOU from the Commission with the leagues.

**g. Batting Cage**

The batting cage at RHR was destroyed in the fall by the hurricane. Site work has begun by Public Works to level the area. A new batting cage will be installed by Jaypro; it will be bigger than the previous one. A fence is needed around the batting cage; S. Spang stated insurance may cover this expense.

**h. Recreation Clerk Report**

D. Weston reported summer programs are being planned.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Forsyth Road** – No report.

b. **Baseball**- See guest comments.

c. **Soccer** – No report.

d. **Basketball**- See New Business d. Basketball

e. **Tennis** – No report.

f. **Multi-purpose Path** – S. Spang reported the Flood Management has been submitted to DEEP.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

S. Spang has tickets to the Unsung Hero Awards on April 7, 2013.

Discussion took place on adult volleyball, basketball and dodge ball.

**8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

a. **Language for Adult Gym Use.**

b. **MOU for leagues.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C (Giansanti/Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Diane Weston  
Recording Secretary

UNAPPROVED