

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2013

Present

Pam Henry Timothy Allen
Dave Kennedy Bob Appleby
Sue Spang/Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke Al Giansanti
Peter Lee Vacancy

Guests

Donald Bourdeau
Roland Traylor
Justin Annello

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 March 18, 2013 minutes as amended.

Vote: Approved (Henry, Allen, Kennedy Spang) Abstaining: Appleby

Date of meeting should be: March 18, 2013.

Bob Appleby should be "Absent" not "Present".

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The budget was presented and discussed. Discussion took place on the expense of the batting cage.

M/S/C (Appleby/Kennedy) to approve the budget as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

D. Bourdeau suggested at some point the walkway between the basketball court and the playground be replaced with pavers.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Roland Traylor updated the Commission on the Salem Youth Baseball League.

The All Star selection has started.

Salem will be hosting the U12 tournament in June.

The snack stand is organized; a schedule is being worked on for help to have the stand opened.

There has been coaches and managers reluctant to have background checks done. S. Spang asked if it is in the by-laws for SYBL. Mr. Traylor stated no.

June 15 will be the yearly picnic from 12:00 to 3:00 PM at the Round Hill Road Complex.

On June 5, the major league field will have flags placed on it for a remembrance for Newtown.

Advertising banners will be on the fencing; a sample was shown to the Commission. They will stay on the field through the fall ball season.

The pitchers mounds will be taken out of the snack stand and moved to storage at the Zemko property. Netting for the major league outfield was discussed.

Thank you to the Commission for the donation; a new score board is being researched and new uniforms.

The 14 yr. old senior league that plays with Colchester is in need of a field for practices. Mr. Traylor asked if a waiver could be used and they could use the field in Salem free of charge for practice.

M/S/C (Henry/Appleby) to allow 14/15 Colchester/Salem Senior baseball team to use the Babe Ruth field free of charge for the spring 2013 season.

Vote: Approved (Allen, Henry, Appleby, Spang) Abstaining: Kennedy

D. Bourdeau will research grants for lighting for the fields. Usually ½ is paid for by the grant, and the town pays ½.

Justin Anello presented his Eagle Scout project to the Commission. He would like to make improvements to the Harris Brook Multipurpose Path. Installation of signs, construction of a 12 x 14 picnic area, install & anchor a picnic table, clear brush and clean & paint the existing footbridge would be the project. S. Spang asked if the foot bridge could be done first; Justin stated yes. D. Bourdeau stated the brush could be taken to the transfer station. S. Spang will order a picnic table, other materials can be ordered from UBS.

(See attached)

M/S/C (Appleby/Kennedy) to approve up to \$1,400.00 from line 645 95 95 for Justin Anello's Eagle Scout project.

Vote: approved unanimous.

a. Don Bourdeau Report:

There will be no summer activities at the school this summer.

If there is a tournament on a weekend, the town crew will need to come in on Friday to cut the grass for the baseball fields.

The driveway at the Forsyth Road complex is complete; the parking lot has been grated.

D. Bourdeau discussed a top dresser for the fields that is a heated compost.

The parking lot at RHR was discussed; S. Spang will get quotes from three companies for the fencing. D. Bourdeau discussed moving the fence back near the street for the sight line.

4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Eagle Scout Project

See Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence

b. 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. She asked for someone that would have all of the needs of the Town in perspective.

c. Memorial Day

S. Spang asked who would be available to judge the bike decorating contest for the parade on Monday May 27. No members were available; S. Spang said she would judge the contest.

d. Storage at Zemko Property

Storage is available at the Zemko property for Recreation; mice proof boxes need to be used.

e. Batting Cage

The batting cage at RHR is complete.

f. Forsyth Road 10 yr. Plan

Discussion took place on the Forsyth Road complex; research will be done for grant for a pavilion.

g. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported summer programs are being planned. Tennis, hockey, performing arts, music lessons, Red Sox vs. Yankee game and a Maine Lobster Bake will be offered.

The need for a Recreation Basketball Coordinator was discussed. T. Allen said he might be interested.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Forsyth Road** – No report.

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

c. **Soccer** – Camp will be the second week in August.

d. **Basketball**- See Recreation Clerk Report.

e. **Tennis** – No report.

f. **Multi-purpose Path** – No report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion took place on the reluctance of coaches for baseball and not having back ground checks completed.

M/S/C (Spang/Appleby) Any organization receiving funds/or sponsorship from the Salem Recreation Commission shall conduct background checks on all adult volunteers who work with children in the organization. Refusal to submit to a background check will result in termination of funding or support, as well as facility use. Effective May 20, 2013.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Language for Adult Gym Use.**
- b. MOU for leagues.**

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Kennedy/Appleby) to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary