

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2011

Present

Dave Kennedy Bob Appleby
Pam Henry
Peter Lee
Sue Spang/Chairperson
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke
Kim Bingham
Al Giansanti

Guests

Don Bourdeau

Call to order:

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

1. Minutes:

February meeting minutes will be presented for approval at April's monthly meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report:

No Treasury Report presented.

S.Spang reported payments have been made for programs for baseball trips & Zumba payment. Estimates for the RHR parking lot are beginning.

3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:

a. Don Bourdeau Report:

Either this week or next week field work will begin pending weather.

Work has started on the baseball fields. D. Bourdeau asked if red clay should be ordered. Paint has been ordered for the fields.

Organic fertilizer will be looked into for all of the fields. It is more costly; however, long term results are better.

Playground will be looked at to see if mulch is needed.

Summer help will start in July.

April 30th is opening day for baseball.

The lanyard at the top of the flagpole needs to be fixed.

Dugouts will be worked on.

The water contractor will be contacted.

Opening Day will be April 30, 2011. The buses will be asked to park at the school for the day.
D. Bourdeau will check to see if a water test was done in the fall.
The fire extinguisher for the concession stand needs to be checked.

The locks have not been change out yet.

The benches at the RHR playground will be chained or staked down so they will not be able to be put on the courts. They are making holes in the asphalt. A different type of bench will be researched to put in the area of the basketball courts.

4. Additions and Revisions:

None

5. New Business:

a. 2011 Budget

Thursday March 24 will be the BOF meeting for the budget. Support will be needed by the Commission members for the public hearing.

b. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported Zumba class will begin another session April 25.

Summer camps are being booked. There will be a theater, tennis, basketball and multi-sport camp. Two baseball game bus trips are scheduled: July 9 Yankees vs. Tampa Bay; August 28 Red Sox vs. Oakland.

B. Appleby asked if a soccer game could possibly be done. He will submit dates to D. Weston to research.

6. Old Business

- a. Forsyth Road – The electrical will be finished. The parking lot will be skimmed & stoned. The soccer club is considering putting up a temporary sign to thank the volunteer that helped established the Forsyth Road complex.

P. Henry volunteered to find out pricing from Bob Burke on permanent signs for the recreation areas.

It was also discussed about the Recreation Commission to recognize 2 teams per year.

- b. Baseball- D. Kennedy reported there are 2 major, 3 minor, and 3 or 4 rookie and 6 to 7 tee ball teams.

The schedule gets mailed to the team “owners”.

D. Kennedy presented the Commission with estimates for the fence protector. It will take approximately 370 square feet for the major league field. D. Bourdeau recommended the “flat” style not be used; it does not hold up well. Also the color of yellow will be purchased for safety reasons.

M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to purchase 3 rolls (750 feet) of yellow rounded fence protector for the Major & Softball fields not to exceed \$600.00. Vote: unanimous

D. Kennedy also talked about installation of foul line poles.

Opening Day will be on April 30th.

S. Spang will see about the buses being moved for the day.

- c. Soccer- Registration has been extended. Indoor soccer has concluded. U10 & U12 Boys both took second place.
- d. Basketball- Details are being worked out for rec basketball and summer camp with Chris Pugliese.
- e. Tennis – The tennis nets have been put up on the RHR courts.
- f. Multi-purpose Path – No work has been scheduled yet for the path due to weather conditions over the winter.

7. Other Business – The Salem Lion’s Club will sponsor the Salem Road Race on April 19, 2011.

S. Spang brought up the subject for the Rec Commission to possibly co-sponsor the event next year.

8. Future Action Items

- a. Disc Golf
- b. Skate Board Park
- c. Disorderly Parents/Coaches

9. Adjournment

M/S/C (Appleby/Lee) to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Vote: unanimous

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary