

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2011

Present

Pam Henry
Al Giansanti
Sue Spang/Chairperson
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke
Dave Kennedy
Kim Bingham

Bob Appleby
Peter Lee

Guests

Don Bourdeau

Call to order:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

1. Minutes:

M/S/C (Spang/Henry) to approve the March minutes as amended.

Correction page 1 a. Don Bourdeau Report: Playground mulch is needed.

Vote: S. Spang, P. Henry approved; A. Giansanti sustaining.

2. Treasurer's Report:

No Treasury Report presented.

3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:

a. Don Bourdeau Report:

The maintenance on the ball fields is almost completed.

Water test on the concession stand will be conducted as required with the State.

Fire extinguishers will be checked.

The locks have been changed out for facilities. One key opens all the locked gates.

April 30, 2011 will be opening day for baseball. The buses will park at the school.

The dugouts will be ready for opening day.

The fencing on the major field is curling up.

Red clay has been spread on the softball field.

New trash cans will be put on recreation sites.

Two more rolls of fence protectors will be purchased.

The crosswalk at RHR will cost approximately \$1500.00.

A. Giasanti will locate the utilities and well.

D. Bourdeau informed the Commission that playing fields in Montville are now smoke-free.

A. Giansanti informed the Commission there will be a field prep day before opening day. A soft toss sock will be purchased by the SYBL for use.

A grant was received for a new mower from DEP. (\$8,700.00)

The Multi-Purpose Path is still too wet to work on.

D. Bourdeau inspected the playground:

Metal trucks will be removed from the sandbox. S. Spang asked for the old sand to be dug out and replaced with new sand. Rubber mats will be possibly purchased, if used they will be covered with woodchips.

The benches have been anchored so they will not be able to be moved.

4. Additions and Revisions:

New Business c. Signs

5. New Business:

a. 2011 Budget

The BOF Town Meeting will be held May 4, 2011; the Referendum will be held on May 9, 2011.

b. Memorial Day Parade

May 30 is the parade; A. Giansanti and R. Cirillo will judge the bike contest.

c. Signs

P. Henry informed the Commission of designs, materials and pricing for signs that would be installed at the recreation fields by Burke Enterprises. (See attached)

Metal signs are recommended by the company (approx. \$4,500.00); sign foam is not recommended, it does crack (approx. \$3,000.00-\$3,500.00).

The Commission discussed the signs being green (similar to the Salem School sign) with white lettering.

d. 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, Mad Science and multi-sport camp. Music lessons will also be offered.

Two baseball game bus trips are scheduled: July 9 Yankees vs. Tampa Bay; August 28 Red Sox vs. Oakland.

6. Old Business

- a. Forsyth Road –The soccer club is considering putting up a temporary sign to thank the volunteer that helped established the Forsyth Road complex.
- b. Baseball-
Opening Day will be on April 30th.
The Major league dugout is fixed.
The Babe Ruth dugout may be painted.
The T-ball field is ready.
The SYBL will decide who will throw out the first pitch. Different residents are being thought about.
It was discussed if first aid kits were available to all coaches during practices and games.
S. Spang mentioned that Chris Pulgiere is thinking about holding a plant sale and wondered if SYBL would let him hold it during Opening Day. A. Giansanti said he would ask the next meeting.

See Don Bourdeau Report for additional baseball information.

- c. Soccer- Registration was extended one week.
- d. Basketball- No report.
- e. Tennis – No report.
- f. Multi-purpose Path – No report.

7. Other Business

S. Spang discussed the port-o-potties; the one at the school should be removed, there is one at the Forsyth Road Complex and two at the Round Hill Road Complex.

P. Henry asked if new bats could be purchased for adult softball. They have \$300.00 in their budget line towards the purchase.

8. Future Action Items

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

9. Adjournment

M/S/C (Henry/Giansanti) to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. Vote: unanimous

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary