

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2012

Present

Rich Cirillo
Dave Kennedy
Timothy Allen
Sue Spang/Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Al Giansanti
Jim Burke
Peter Lee
Pam Henry
Bob Appleby

Guests

Donald Bourdeau

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Kennedy/Allen) to approve the March 19, 2011 minutes as presented. Vote: Approved. In Favor-Allen, Kennedy, Spang. Opposed-None. Abstaining-Cirillo

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Don Bourdeau reported the town crew has been busy getting the baseball fields ready for opening day.

The organic fertilizer for the fields was delivered. The town crew will spread the fertilizer when rain is expected.

Enough clay has been delivered to patch the baseball fields.

A port-a-potty has been put by the tennis courts.

The track at the school is going to be paved; signs will be installed from the multipurpose path to the school that no one is allowed on the track while school is in session.

S. Spang asked if the town crew could be scheduled to work on the multipurpose path to the school.
D. Bourdeau said time would be schedule for the work.

The parking lot entrance at the Round Hill Road complex near the playground/basketball courts has been paved.

There is an issue with residents bringing their dogs to the baseball fields to run loose in the fenced in areas. They are also using the soccer fields for the dogs. This is a hazard for the children who use the fields. There are no dogs allowed on the playing fields. Signs are posted at the sites. It will be explored next year to see if a fenced in area "Dog Park" would be possible to do on 89 Norwich Road (Gadbois property). An article will be placed the next "Our Town" issue.

4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

No Additions or Revisions

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported on the upcoming programs for 2012:

April 23: The AARP Safe Driving Course, from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company.

July 9 to 13: 9am to 12:30pm Multi Sports Camp
1:00pm to 2:30pm Beginner's Golf
4:00pm to 5:00pm Sports Squirts
All camps will be held at the Round Hill Road Complex.

July/August: Music Lessons with Chris Hebert

July 16 to 20: Evening Summer Basketball Camp grades 5 to 8.

July/August: Monday/Wednesday Recreation Basketball grades 5 to 8.

August 19: Yankees vs. Red Sox at Yankee Stadium; game time has not been announced.
This will be advertised as soon as the details are set.

September Town Wide Tag Sale; date to be announced.

September 29 "Day on Your Own" New York City bus trip.
Seats will be \$40.00 for residents and \$45.00 for non-residents.
20 seats will also include a Broadway play; play will be announced.

Sunday and Wednesday Evening Tennis will be advertised again.

Evening Tennis Camp for young children will be offered, details will be announced.

Possible "Ice Cream Walk/Run" will be offered one night a week. Details will be announced.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Forsyth Road

S. Spang reported there is money in the budget to begin the paving.

b. Baseball

Opening day will be April 21 with a rain date for April 22. Jane Grilley and Jim Fogerty will be throwing out the first pitches this year. D. Kennedy reported the schedules are completed. D. Bourdeau reported the bathrooms will be completed and opened by Saturday. The baseball league would like to hold their picnic at the pavilion on the Gadbois property in July. S. Spang report two AAU teams are using the fields and War at the Shore booked field use for Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day weekends. She also thanked the baseball league for use of their microphone at the candlelight vigil on April 12 for Jeffrey Bourgeois.

c. **Soccer** – No report.

d. **Basketball** – No report.

e. **Tennis** – See Recreation Clerk report.

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

7. OTHER BUSINESS

S. Spang reminded the Commission members that Wednesday May 2 is the Town Meeting for the budget. Wednesday May 9 is the referendum. Recreation Commission support is needed at the Town meeting and for voting.

S. Spang discussed with the Commission the basketball backstops/nets/rims at the Round Hill Road Complex. They are not a good quality and if there is enough money in the budget, she suggested replacing the two at the courts considering the use that they get.

M/S/C (Cirillo/Kennedy) to approve the amount up to \$2,500.00 for purchasing replacement backstops/nets/rims for the basketball courts on Round Hill Road. Vote: Approved. In-favor: Spang, Kennedy, Allen, Cirillo. Abstaining: None Opposed: None

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

a. Dodge Ball

b. Commission regulations for maintenance plan/guidelines for fields.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Kennedy/Cirillo) to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary.

UNAPPROVED