

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2014

Present

Pam Henry Bob Appleby
Dave Kennedy Doug Morrow (late arrival)
Al Giansanti Crispin Fresco-Hawes
Sue Spang/Chairperson (late arrival)
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke

Guests

Donald Bourdeau

CALL TO ORDER:

Member Pam Henry called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Kennedy/Henry) to approve the April 21, 2014 minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Don Bourdeau

A.Giansanti will mark the electric at the Round Hill Road field.

No parking signs will be installed at Volunteer Park (Forsyth Road).

A gate will be installed on the Major League field third base line so the mower will be able to get on the field.

A post will be installed on the walk path at Round Hill Roads so no cars will be able to enter the playground area.

The advertising banners will be raised so they will not interfere with the grounds keeping.

When the fields are wet, Speedy Dry is being used to help with the infield. It should only be used for spot drying and patching.

Public works will pick up the wood from the Eagle Scout project at Round Hill Road.

The inmates have weeded and mulched the gardens at Round Hill Road.

The corner of Rt. 85 and Music Vale Road is being cleared to make a park area.

Discussion took place on the air handler in the Salem School Gym. The Town Engineer stated there should be no baseball in the gym due to the damage. D. Kennedy asked if PVC panel could be used for replacement around the ductwork. D. Kennedy will contact Elby Burr to discuss the matter.

4. Additions and Revisions

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

S. Spang welcomed Crispin Fresco-Hawes as the newest member to the Recreation Commission.

a. Memorandum of Understanding Update

S. Spang reported the AAU teams and SYBL have submitted their paperwork; soccer will submit theirs when their season starts. S. Spang is still waiting for one more AAU teams' paperwork.

b. Scoreboard Update

S. Spang will submit a PO for the scoreboard now that the funding has been approved. Discussion took place on the wiring for the scoreboard and conduit. The location of the controller box was also discussed.

c. Budget Update

The budget for 2014/2015 passed; plans for the playscape and electric work at Round Hill Road will move forward.

d. Round Hill Road Lighting/Fence/Parking Lot

The T-ball fence has been installed; work for the parking lot is taking place. Discussion took place on the location of the transformer. A guideline will be needed for the parking spots; D. Bourdeau suggested using the cement curbing. The gate should not be open for daily use; it is for emergency access only. If overflow parking is needed, parking should be at Town Hall; no parking should be on Round Hill Road.

e. Field Use

Discussion took place on who should be responsible to determine if the fields are in playable condition if the fields are too wet to be played on due to weather conditions. Don Bourdeau will furnish literature for the league to review.

f. Tobacco Free Field

No report.

i. Recreation Clerk Report

The Memorial Day bike decorating contest will be judged by D. Kennedy and D. Morrow.

D. Weston reported June 28 will be the Red Sox at Yankees Stadium motor coach trip. Pricing is \$135.00 per ticket (includes game ticket and motor coach). Departure will be at 2:00pm for the 7:15pm game. A performing arts program will be held in July; music lessons, outdoor hockey in July, and basketball program will be offered for summer programs. Other bus trips will include: Whale Watch in Gloucester, Clambake in Cape Cod, NYC in October & December, Stormville Flea Market, and Old Deerfield Craft Show. Please go to www.salemct.gov/recreation for more information.

Discussion took place with D. Bourdeau for available room use at Salem School for summer programs.

S. Spang reported there will not be a Farmer’s Market this year. Salem Recreation will sponsor a dance and “suggested donations” will be for the Salem Needy Fund.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Volunteer Park** – No report.

b. **Baseball-** D. Kennedy submitted drawings for the storage sheds for the AAU teams. (see attached)

D. Morrow reported the softball press box has been taken down for the Nate Morrow’s Eagle Scout project.

c. **Soccer** – The fall registration has been completed. Spring games are going well.

d. **Basketball-** No report.

e. **Tennis** – The timer at the tennis courts may need to be reset.

f. **Multi-purpose Path** – Clearing is taking place between Rt. 85 and Music Vale.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion took place on SYBL background checks.
The umpires are not covered by the Town of Salem.

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Morrow/Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary