

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION

SALEM, CONNECTICUT

MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2008

Present

Bob Appleby Pam Henry

Peter Lee Al Giansanti

Rich Cirillo Joe Dalton

Kim Bingham

Sue Spang /Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke

Guests

Deidre Ahern

Steve Wlodarczyk

Courtney Holmwood

Call to order:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

1. Minutes:

Approval of December minutes postponed until February meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report:

M/S/C (Applyby/Cirillo) to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Vote: approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:

Deidre Ahern was introduced to the Commission. She has offered her help to the Commission on programs for the town.

Courtney Holmwood is interested in starting Men's recreational basketball on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The program will start on February 3. The age limit will be 25 and older, limited to Salem residents or invited by Salem residents. The commission asked Courtney for regular updates of the program.

Bob Appleby and Pam Henry will check with the school for use of the basketballs.

Steve Wlodarczyk reported volleyball program is going fine. About 20 residents a week are turning out for the program. The program is still listed on the Community Calendar.

4. Additions and Revisions:

B. Appleby asked if scheduling for school gym be added to agenda.
No Bourdeau report for this month.

5. New Business:

a. Scheduling of School Gym

Discussion took place about the scheduling of the school gym and multipurpose room. Basketball, soccer and baseball programs are all trying to use the gym & multipurpose room for practice and clinics.

Women's adult basketball on Thursday evenings will be asked to not meet due to lack of interest.

S. Spang asked that the schedule be worked out between the different clubs. It was noted that winter is traditionally basketball season. S. Spang stated if adult pick-up games wanted the traditional hours back, they will get back their gym slots.

P. Lee brought up that maybe it might be time to start to look into a community center for the town.

b. 2009 Recreation Budget

The budget was presented to the Board of Finance with a zero increase. The BOF meeting will be on February 19. S. Spang asked that whoever could attend please do so.

S. Spang asked the leagues to work on a 10 year plan for the Recreation Commission. A priority list with pricing for items should include details with estimates for each program request.

c. Tennis Court Lighting/P&Z

Court lighting is still being researched. R.Cirillo researched the cost of tennis ball machines. They are approximately \$600.00 each.

d. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported ski trip to Butternut is on Saturday January 24. Seats are still available on the bus.

A Boston day bus trip will be in May, New York day bus trip will be in October.

Other programs will be looked at to start in March/April, summer programs are being scheduled.

It was discussed about appointing a responsible person on bus trips. Also consent forms must be filled out for children under 18 attending with adult that is not their parent or legal guardian.

R. Cirillo suggested a community bulletin sign be erected at Salem Four Corners. The Commission has a base for signs that is available for use by the different programs. Critical Signs is the contact for having a new sign made up for the base.

P. Lee suggested using CT Parks & Recreation Commission for more help with ideas on trips, programs, etc.

6. Old Business:

a. Baseball

A. Giansanti reported pitching clinics will start in January. Signups start this weekend. Practice starts March 1st, with the 2nd weekend in March for the draft. April 25 is Opening Day, April 26 is the rain date. There are 22 spots open in the league to make 4 teams.

P. Lee presented plans for the press box at the softball field. Equipment storage will be underneath the structure. S. Spang will ask P&Z if permits will be needed if the plan stays within the same footprint as the old press box. A licensed contractor is needed for the construction of the box.

K. Bingham asked that the box be painted green.

Softball has 2 minor, 2 major and 1 senior team. All levels of expertise are included between the teams.

e. Multi Purpose Path

S. Spang reported Public Works will start to work on path as soon as weather permits. Survey stakes will be put in along the path. There are flags on the trees to mark the path. A grant has been submitted for the bridge. Cost of the bridge is approximately \$450,000.00.

7. Other Business:

S. Spang reported that the Ethics Policy should be on the web site, please read and sign or acknowledge you have read the policy.

8. Adjournment:

M/S/C (Cirillo/Bigham) to adjourn meeting at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary