

**SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION**

**SALEM, CONNECTICUT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**June 15, 2009**

**Present**

Bob Appleby     Jim Burke  
Sue Spang/Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

**Absent**

Pam Henry     Al Giansanti  
Peter Lee     Joe Dalton  
Kim Bingham     Rich Cirillo

**Guests**

Don Bordeau     Chris James

**Call to order:**

Chair person Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:38pm.

**1. Minutes:**

**M/S/C (Appleby/Burke) to approve May minutes as presented.  
Vote: Approved**

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

**M/S/C (Burke/Appleby) to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote: Unanimous**

S. Spang reported on the following paid bills:

\$8,000.00 M& M

\$731.00 paint

\$971.00 Jacobson

\$375.00 CPRA

\$100.00 Memorial Day Parade (8<sup>th</sup> grade class)

Signore bill is outstanding.

S. Spang reported \$8,000.00 from Programs will be returned to Town.

Discussion took place for the expense of benches for courtside that would be permanent.

Remaining Budget balance is approximately \$3,520.00.

**M/S/C (Burke/Appleby) to approve Budget Report as presented. Vote: Unanimous**

**3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:**

Guests: Chris James informed the commission that he was hitting rock when digging holes for the kick wall at the RHR soccer field. Don Bourdeau will have holes dug with auger, 4' footings need to be dug, sonotubes will be placed in the holes. No work is to be done during games.

Don Bourdeau reported on the following:

The field on Forsyth Rd is in great shape.

Mowing of field on RT 82 is in progress to have the field ready for the Rocket Club on June 20.

Paint machine has been purchased for lining the fields. They include the soccer fields, parking lots, baseball foul lines, etc.

Security camera's will be mounted for coverage on the Round Hill Road complex. It will be a 2 camera unit. Coverage will include the playground.

In August work will start on the Multi-purpose path crossings.

Rules and regulation signs need to be installed at different recreation areas in Salem.

Parking on Forsyth Road needs to be addressed. Site plans will be reviewed and additions made for future needs for the field.

Water testing should be done on public buildings.

Soccer field work needs to be done for the water build up problem on RHR.

S. Spang question about the pitching mounds on the major league field. D. Bourdeau explained there is little room due to the infield to have the mounds any larger.

**4. Additions and Revisions:**

S. Spang added "e. Ordinance discussion" to New Business.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Burke) to add "e. Ordinance discussion" to New Business. Vote: Unanimous**

**5. New Business:**

**a. Budget**

Postponed until July meeting.

**b. Press Box Update**

S. Spang attended the appeal in Middletown on the 110 wind ruling. The appeal was turned down.

S. Spang will discuss with Peter Lee about reducing the size of the pressbox. J. Burke requested the plans be brought to the commission for approval.

**c. Tennis Court Update**

The second layer of asphalt has been put down. The asphalt needs 21 days to cure. The coating needs 6 days. Goals for the basketball hoops are installed.

**d. Major League Bleachers**

S. Spang reported complaints have been received about the placement of the bleachers behind home plate. She inquired about having the bleachers moved to the right of the dugout. Would bleachers there be an obstruction for the basketball courts? J. Burke questioned about the size of the bleachers. They will be measured and looked at. Benches and bleachers will be discussed at the July meeting.

**e. Ordinance Discussion**

S. Spang discussed the use of signs for the fields. "No dogs, pets or horses allowed on the playing fields" will be on the signs for the fields. S. Spang will attend a selectman's meeting to ask that a town ordinance be proposed for town property and rules for the areas.

**f. Formation of Parking Lot Safety Subcommittee**

Postponed until July meeting.

**g. Recreation Clerk Report**

D. Weston reported music lessons are filled, tennis has 25 signups, Mad Science camp should be filled. Adult Fitness Camp is starting signups along with Funtastic Fitness Camp. "Day on Your Own" New York bus trip has had several inquiries.

**6. Old Business:**

**a. Baseball**

No report presented.

**b. Soccer**

B. Appleby will discuss with soccer about a "Carefree" Building to be put on the Forsyth Road soccer field for storage and possibly expansion for future use. D. Bordeau suggested power be run to the building. P& Z approval will be needed.

**c. Basketball – No reported presented.**

**d. Multi Purpose Path**

S. Spang reported work has been done clearing the path. The Boy Scouts were involved; hours went towards their community service. J. Burke informed S. Spang on the DEP website there are applications for path & trail grants.

**e. Tennis/Basketball Courts**

See "c" New Business.

**f. Field Outreach – No report presented.**

**7. Adjournment:**

**M/S/C (Appleby/Burke) to adjourn meeting at 9:55pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary