

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2012

Present

Rich Cirillo
Al Giansanti
Timothy Allen
Pam Henry
Bob Appleby
Sue Spang/Chairperson
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Dave Kennedy
Jim Burke
Peter Lee

Guests

Dan Williamson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Cirillo/Henry) to approve the April 16, 2012 minutes as presented. Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

M/S/C (Cirillo/Appleby) to accept the treasury report dated May 21, 2012. Vote: Approved unanimous.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Dan Williamson (taken out of order)

Resident Dan Williamson presented a proposal for a Recreational Floor Hockey Program.

The program is designed for ages 5 to 11 (grades K thru 6). The program will include instruction and scrimmage time. Volunteers will run the program.

The basketball courts at Round Hill Road will be used for a summer program; the multi-purpose room or the gym at Salem School will be used starting in October on Friday nights.

Equipment of hockey sticks, balls or pucks, and nets would be needed. Discussion took place concerning personal equipment, i.e.: eye protection, helmet, gloves and mouth guards. It was decided to require eye protection and mouth guards to be furnished by the player. Helmets would be optional. The Recreation Commission will purchase starter kits for the equipment. Pinnies and nets will be borrowed from soccer.

M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to approve up to but not exceeding \$400.00 for two starter kits and extra balls for the Recreational Floor Hockey Program. Vote: Approved unanimous.

4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

Add “b. Proposed Expenditures” to agenda.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Memorial Day Parade

R. Cirillo, T. Allen, and A. Giansanti will judge the bike contest. Trophies, ribbons and metals will be handed out. Parade start time is 10:00am.

b. Proposed Expenditures

M/S/C (Appleby/Cirillo) to authorize up to but not exceed \$900 for an under 12 6.5 x 18 replacement goal for soccer. Vote: approved unanimous.

c. Street Hockey

See “Guests, Dan Williamson”.

d. Tennis/Court Grant

D. Weston informed the Commission that Sam & Tiffany Rindell received a grant for the Recreation Commission to sponsor the “10 and Under Tennis Program” for the summer. Equipment of rackets and balls were received. Sam & Tiffany will volunteer their time to run a 4 week program in July. A grant (75% reimbursable from the USTA) is possible for the painting of “ghost” lines on the courts to make the playing area smaller for the children.

M/S/C (Spang/Cirillo) to appropriate up to but not to exceed \$500.00 for line painting on the tennis courts and replacement parts for equipment. Vote: approved unanimous

e. Baseball Advertising

Discussion took place concerning paid advertising signage on the fencing at the ball fields. It was decided to discuss this issue at the next meeting when Dave Kennedy could be in attendance.

f. Programs Discussion

S. Spang discussed with the Commission the overlapping of Recreation Commission programs with the Salem Library. A meeting was held with the S. Spang, Len Giambra, Library Board Chairperson and Kevin Lyden, First Selectman. S. Spang explained to the Commission recreation programs should not be duplicated by the library.

g. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported on the upcoming programs for 2012:

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 10,17,24,31 Salem 10 & Under Tennis
- 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.

Possible “Ice Cream Walk/Run” will be offered one night a week. Details will be announced. R. Cirillo will contact Salem Valley Farms to see about use of the parking lot. He is hoping to start in July on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.

Adult pick up softball will start Friday, May 25 at Salem School Bingham Field.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Forsyth Road

B. Appleby discussed the sign for the Forsyth Road sports complex. He will contact the vendor to have design drawings made for the Commission to review.

There are 2 signs missing from the soccer field that is resting from overuse.

B. Appleby will ask Don Bourdeau if the grass on the soccer fields can be cut shorter.

The back parking lot is being used. Don Bourdeau will be asked if fill from the construction at Salem 4 Corners can be obtained from the state for fill for the parking lot.

b. Baseball

A. Giansanti reported there will be a tournament in July for 12 yr. olds.

The annual picnic will be held on June 10, 2012 at the Round Hill Road complex.

The fund raiser for the Bourgeois family raised \$750.00.

The backstop on the major league field needs work.

P. Henry reported the bottom of the fence along the first base line is curling out and should be fixed to prevent balls from rolling under and out of the playing area.

S. Spang inquired about adding angled fencing above home plate. A. Giansanti stated it should not be added; it could interfere with ball play.

S. Spang reported the covers for the bases were in the woods. The fence protector has been ordered.

- c. **Soccer** – The spring season is under way. 60 children are participating
- d. **Basketball** – No report.
- e. **Tennis** – See Recreation Clerk report.
- f. **Multi-purpose Path** – No report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Dodge Ball
- b. Commission regulations for maintenance plan/guidelines for fields.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Appleby/Giansanti) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary