Due to the lack of a quorum, an informational meeting was held.

1. **Call to Order**
   Co-Vice Chairperson Durkee called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. **Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2022** – **tabled**

3. **Alterations to the Agenda** – **none**

4. **Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence**
   Unsung Heroes Committee Member Arthur Christian announced that the Committee is seeking nominations for the Unsung Heroes Award. The Unsung Heroes Award was created by the Democratic and Republican Town Committees to recognize individuals who have provided exceptional volunteer services to the Town. Past recipients may not be nominated. The deadline for nominations is July 31; a banquet to honor the recipients is being planned for November.

   Rob LeMire, introduced himself to the Commission and spoke concerning his involvement with the construction and interest in working with the Town to address the safety and design concerns and re-open an all-inclusive course for all ages with varying abilities and physical conditions. He provided a brief background of his professional and volunteer experiences, especially concerning the construction of disc golf courses, including the Salem Community Park Course. He has been involved with constructing seven (7) courses and another ten (10) courses in their planning stages. He has also sent a letter to the First Selectman stating possible solutions to some of the safety concerns.
5. **Budget Update**
The budget was reviewed by the Commission. As of June 16, 82% of the budget has been expended. The outstanding items include the porta-potty expenses and the signage for Bob Appleby Fields at Volunteer Park.

6. **Recreation Program Coordinator’s Report: Agnes Miyuki**
32 children have signed up for the For The Love of the Game Baseball Camp, which began today. The Skyhawks Supertots and Lacrosse camps were canceled due to low registration. The Art, Slime, and Challenger Sports’ Soccer Camps are expected to proceed as scheduled and registrations continue to come in for the LEGO Camps. The first Kid’s Photography Camp session ended last week and the next session will take place in August. The Find your Footprint Medallions are expected to be completed by the next Recreation Commission Meeting. An inquiry was received regarding any interest the Town might have in hosting a Farmers’ Market. An individual might be interested in teaching an Adult Golf Class. A Safe Sitter Babysitter Class and Safe@Home Class are being planned for the fall. The Connecticut Recreation & Parks Association (CRPA) will be hosting their annual Trade Show and Conference in November at the Mohegan Sun Casino for any interested Commission Members.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the possibility of hosting a Farmers’ Market and/or promoting the Town’s existing farms/farmstands. First Selectman Lyden stated that the Town did host a Farmers’ Market in the past. Other ideas included hosting a town-wide Tag Sale, Christmas in July where local businesses could promote themselves, and a movie night or a scavenger hunt.

7. **Public Works Report** – no report

8. **Unfinished Business**
   a. **Volleyball Court**
      The volleyball court has been installed at the Salem Community Park Pavilion. A request will be made to the Public Works Department to seek estimates for mason sand or grass to replace the existing wood chips.
   b. **Trails & Kiosk/Info Center – Emergency Trail Markers** – no discussion
   c. **Disc Golf Safety Enhancements**
      Selectman Lyden stated that the Disc Golf Course project is currently on hold and provided a brief background of the Course and the liability issues. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the safety enhancements. The possibility of including the Forsyth Road Fields, as introduced by Selectman Butcher, as part of the Course was briefly discussed.
**d. Bob Appleby Fields, Volunteer Park at Forsyth Road**

Two estimates were received from *Signcraft*, who produced and installed the original signage, and *Critical Signs*. A third estimate will also be sought. Because it would be difficult to repair the existing sign, the Commissioners concurred with the purchasing of a new sign with “Bob Appleby Fields” more integrated as part of the main sign and a hanging piece stating that the Park Closes at Sunset. A purchase order should be submitted within the next two days to secure the funding under this fiscal year’s budget.

**e. Pickleball Court Repainting**

The repainting of the pickleball/tennis courts is complete and the pickleball nets will be made available.

**f. Harris Brook Trail & Bridge**

The trail and bridge repairs are currently on the Public Works schedule and should be completed by September.

**g. June 22 & August 25 Concerts**

Discussion ensued regarding the June 22nd concert, including providing access to the dumpster, which appeared to be locked, and obtaining a key to the utility shed for access to the circuit breakers.

The August 25th concert will feature *The 70s Project* and the food trucks will be *Curb Your Appetite*, *Rustic Streets*, and *Walsh’s Waffle Wagon*.

**h. Pavilion & Fields Rental**

A brief discussion ensued regarding their previous discussion regarding the rental of the pavilion and fields.

**i. Basketball Usage – Signs**

Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate time limits for the courts. The Commissioners agreed to place a request to post the existing signage at the tennis/basketball courts for the time being.

### 9. New Business

**a. Memorial Day Parade Bike Contest**

Two participants in the Memorial Day Parade Bike Decorating Contest were awarded $10.00 Gift Certificates to *Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream*.

**b. Salem Little League Request for Funding of Indoor Batting Cage**

The Commission reviewed and discussed Salem Little League’s request for funding for an indoor batting cage to be located at Salem School. Co-Vice Chairperson Durkee stated that she spoke with some of the other leagues in the area and found that they are primarily utilized for older, high school children. Many indicated that they have found it more cost-effective to rent a venue for a session(s). She questioned the age range of
the children who would be utilizing the batting cage and who would be training and supervising the children. The Commission also questioned whether they have or will be engaging in any fundraising activities to help offset the cost. It was noted that an outdoor batting cage is available for use at Round Hill Road fields and that the Commission does not have the funds to support the request. Due to the amount, the request would be a Capital Item that would require approval by the Board of Finance.

c. **Funding for Salem Little League, East Lyme Basketball, Salem Surge Soccer**

The Commissioners discussed funding the three leagues and agreed to provide $2,000.00 in funding to the Salem Little League.

d. **Re-establishment of Salem Surge Soccer & Salem Basketball Rec Leagues**

Commissioner Delorimiere reported that she has accumulated a list of interested individuals who have expressed an interest in volunteering to re-establish the Salem Surge Soccer League. While she has sent the interested individuals the Salem Surge Soccer By-Laws, the individuals are in need of additional information and guidance. They were not able to attend this evening’s meeting. She has also contacted former Salem Surge Soccer President Damon Foster who will provide her with administrative control of the existing Salem Surge Soccer Facebook page. It was noted that the Commission’s role is to encourage and support the leagues, not to run the leagues.

10. **Adjournment**

   The informational meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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