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Parks and Recreation Commission  
STW Community Center  
1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, Ct. 06472  
Monday, October 19, 2015

## Minutes

**Members Present:** Brian Lynch, Michelle Provencher, Victor Palma and Karen Ablondi

**Members Absent:** Steve Torino

**Also Attending:** Director Lauren Munro; Scout Benjamin Husson and Chuck Stack, his step father.

Chairman Brian Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of September 21, 2015 were accepted unanimously on the motion by Karen Ablondi, second Michelle Provencher.

**Town Sports Organizations** - Lauren met with Fran to discuss the monies for the Lacrosse field on Mill Road. They discussed drainage, bleachers in the side of the hill and field maintenance. Fran will meet with Kurt and look at the drainage issue. Lauren has been in contact with Neil to keep him informed that the field has been fertilized, holes filled in and aerated. And discussion of their concerns is being looked at.

Turf field discussion is on hold at this time.

The commission discussed football collecting monies on town property at the entrance ways to the field. This is town property and maintained by the town. Youth football cannot ask for parking fees. The commission discussed that they can ask for a voluntary donation on the field. Talked about passing around a bucket or walking around during the game and asking for the donation.

**Parks and Fields** - Benjamin Hasson, candidate for Eagle Scout, presented a plan to clear and mark the trails at North Farms Park which have been in disrepair for quite awhile. He will be marking with discs instead of painting on trees so they will be more permanent and easier to follow and will clear the debris from the path to make them easier to use, drawing a map for walkers to follow.

Mrs. Vincent memorial bench is in place. She had asked if there was going to be a dedication done. The Commission suggested that Lauren ask the Mayor to consider doing this.

a. Dog Park - None

**Program Review** - Pat Rossiter has been hired to replace Lauren as Program Director. He had worked previously with many of the current Parks & Rec people and will be an excellent fit.

Also, Lauren reported the Fall Programs were well received and were successful and ran smoothly.

**New Property Projects** -STEP Grant Funds have been received for the Tennis and Basketball Courts at Memorial Field and it is hoped that the fields can be incorporated into it.

**Budget Review** - Brian recommended that Lauren get letters out to the sports organizations urging them to submit their needs to be addressed and prioritized for the next year budget.

**STW Community Center** - Review of STW priority list: The Council approved the list presented with the caveat that the Awning be warranted for 3 years. It is now being acted on at the PPBC meeting held tonight and Council Liaison Rose Angeloni will be present with a report at the November meeting to make a report on the outcome.

**Commission Meeting Changes** - After discussion, the meeting dates and time have been narrowed down to Tuesdays or Thursdays, with the possibility of the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month working around the town council meetings, availability of commission and liaison for the commission. The time will be either 5:30 or 6 pm. We will vote on this next month. Lauren will have to resubmit the schedule of meetings to the Town Clerk.

**Potato and Corn Festival** - Roseanne met with Anthony Esposito this past Thursday to go over the Festival Finances. She had several corrections to the financial report that she will be working on. Once this is complete, she will forward a copy to the Commission. Then she will be working on doing the three day versus four day comparison and will have that available to the Commission prior to the November meeting.

**Public Comment** - None

Adjournment at 8:30 on the motion by Karen Ablondi, second by Michelle Provencher.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leigh Bianchi