

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2016

Attending: M. Colpoys; M. Francese; C. Grillo; W. Parkus; T. Quinn
Absent: J. Gowac; M. Michalski; M. Roberts; E. Smith

Mr. Parkus called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Guests & Audience

There were no guests or audience at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2016 and April 21, 2016 Regular Meetings

MS. FRANCESE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DR. COLPOYS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN. UNANIMOUS AYE.

MS. FRANCESE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DR. COLPOYS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN. UNANIMOUS AYE.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Quinn reviewed the Special Funds budget and reported that revenues received totaled \$99,842.00, expenses were \$80,262.00, resulting in a net revenue balance of \$19,580.00. She noted that not all deposits have been recorded so she expects the final balance of this account to increase. Ms. Quinn advised that earnings from last year's summer camp program have been moved to a scholarship fund for the program.

Ms. Quinn reviewed the Commission's general budget status, reporting that, after expenses of \$80,423.00, the balance in the account is \$33,474.00.

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DR. COLPOYS, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. UNANIMOUS AYE.

Committee Reports

1. Music On The River - Ms. Quinn reported that the Music on the River flier was distributed with the East Haddam Newspaper, saving the Commission approximately \$800.00 in mailing expense.
2. Disk Golf – Ms. Quinn stated that the organizers of the disk golf course have not had as much assistance with its construction as they expected so it will not open in May as planned; however, the work is moving forward steadily. She noted that students from the high school and Franklin Academy have helped out and Mr. Grillo suggested also asking the Boy Scouts for their assistance. Ms. Quinn agreed to reach out to the Boy Scouts.

Old Business

1. Budget – This agenda item was discussed earlier in the meeting and is reported on above under Treasurer's Report.

2. Summer Camps/Programs – Ms. Quinn reported that applications for camp counselors is down from last year, however, the quality of the individuals submitting applications is very good. She reviewed several of the summer program positions that she has filled.
3. Basketball Court – There was no discussion on this agenda item.

New Business

Ms. Quinn reported on the following:

- She will have a summer intern again this year.
- The Rec Commission has received an offer from a citizen who would like to donate a professional basketball hoop in memory of Lukas Breton. She noted that the individual had suggested installing it at the Town Beach. The Commissioner's discussed the offer and Ms. Quinn stated she would inspect the hoop before the Commission moves forward with any decision.
- She attended a conference where focus groups were promoted; the Commissioners discussed creating a focus group of community residents to brainstorm future Recreation programs. Ms. Quinn noted that responses from the Net Assessment survey could also help with the creation of a long-range plan.

MS. FRANCESE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DR. COLPOYS TO HAVE MS. QUINN START THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING FOCUS GROUP(S) FOR THE PURPOSE OF LONG-RANGE PLANNING. UNANIMOUS AYE.

Other/Next Meeting

Ms. Quinn advised that one opening remains on the Recreation Commission.

The Commissioners discussed their availability for the next meeting and agreed to cancel the June 16th meeting.

There was no additional discussion at the meeting.

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DR. COLPOYS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. UNANIMOUS AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Sharon R. Wheeler
Recording Secretary