

**East Haddam Recreation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2017**

Attending: D. Carbo; M. Colpoys; M. Francese; C. Grillo; P. Laffan W. Parkus; T. Quinn

Absent: M. Roberts

Guests: S. Anderson; G. McVerry; S. Wheeler

Mr. Parkus called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Guests & Audience

Ms. Anderson introduced herself and reviewed the girls' 3RD/4th grade basketball program. She requested more flexibility in accepting late registrations on a case-by-case basis and tightening up on some of the referee calls for the 3/4th graders. Ms. Anderson recommended a 2 hour practice once a week replace the current 1 hour practice scheduled twice a week and noted that the girls are just hitting their stride at 45 minutes and the parents would appreciate having to coordinate for one practice a week rather than two.

Ms. Anderson and the Commissioners also discussed the track club she manages as well as the possibility for co-ed basketball teams and clinics. They also briefly discussed the pros and cons of students focusing on one sport year-round. Ms. Quinn stated that the Basketball Sub-Committee will consider her comments and recommendations and get back to her.

Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2017 Special Meeting

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DR. COLPOYS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING AS WRITTEN. UNANIMOUS AYE.

Committee Report

- Music On The River - Ms. Quinn reported that the Music on the RiVer events have been scheduled and there will be six concerts this year. She noted that the list of concerts with a fundraising form will be included in an upcoming East Haddam News distribution. Ms. Quinn stated that she is working on finalizing the rain location for the concerts and noted that will be done before the first event.

New Business

- Spring/Summer Programs – Ms. Quinn reported that she has been receiving registrations for day camp which is scheduled for 8 weeks this summer at the elementary school. In response to questions from the Commissioners, she confirmed that the camp schedule includes one day at the beach and one day-trip per week. She noted that the 7th & 8th grade camp will be all field trips.

Old Business

1. Budget 2017-2018 – Ms. Quinn noted that the Board of Finance made some changes to the Rec Commission’s capital budget and also has questions about how the new gym will be staffed.
2. Green Space - Ms. Quinn reviewed the background of the Green Space project at the Old Middle School and noted that, due to questions raised about the project, it is on hold until the renovations to the Old Middle School are completed. There was a general discussion regarding this project and the benefits of being able to accommodate multi-generational activities in one place.
3. Director’s Report - Ms. Quinn reported that all of the lifeguard positons have been filled; however, she has not yet been able to fill the adult supervisor position.

At Ms. Quinn’s request, Mr. Laffan and Mr. Carbo reported on the status of the Disk Golf course. They reported that a grand opening and ribbon cutting is planned for May 20th. Ms. Quinn advised that there will be a walk-through for the Commissioners and other invited guests at 5:00 p.m. on May 19th.

4. SWOT – Mr. McVerry recommended setting up a separate meeting to finalize the SWOT analysis and the Commissioners agreed with his recommendation. Ms. Quinn stated she would organize that meeting.

Next Meeting

Ms. Quinn advised that the next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for June 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School.

In response to a question raised by Ms. Anderson, there was a brief discussion regarding travel basketball teams for the older grades. Ms. Quinn noted that past travel basketball programs have not been successful.

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MS. FRANCESE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. UNANIMOUS AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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