

**East Haddam Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2018**

Attending: M. Colpoys; C. Grillo; P. Laffan; W. Parkus; T. Piscioti; M. Roberts; L. Conroy

Absent: D. Carbo; M. Davis; M. Francese

Guests: B. Parker; L. Wood; S. Wheeler

Mr. Parkus called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Guests & Audience

Mr. Parkus introduced Mr. Wood who stated that he was attending the meeting to encourage the Commissioners to consider adding pickleball to its list of programs and to answer any questions they had. Ms. Conroy advised that she has taken his request under consideration and emphasized that she wanted to make sure she has all of the proper components in place before publicizing it as a Recreation Department program. She stated she has spoken with Linda (?) who is willing to help get the program started.

Mr. Wood responded to several questions from the Commissioners and, in response to a request from Ms. Conroy, agreed to submit a list of preferable times to schedule gym space. There was a general discussion regarding the level of knowledge of the sport and competitiveness needed to participate.

Ms. Conroy stated she would email the Commissioners an informational video on pickleball.

Approval of Minutes – March 12, 2018 Regular Meeting

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2018.

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MS. ROBERTS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AS WRITTEN. UNANIMOUS AYE.

Committee Reports

1. Soccer - Mr. Grillo reported that the Sunday night indoor soccer program ends this month and the participants had inquired about whether or not there is an option to continue the program indoors and, if not, the location of where they would play outdoors.

Ms. Conroy stated she would review gym availability and the cost to have someone open/close the space for the program and get back to Mr. Grillo.

New Business

1. New activities and summer programs – Ms. Conroy reported on the following:
 - She has started receiving registrations for the youth spring soccer programs for ages 2-3, 3-5, and 6-7.
 - Several camp counselors and lifeguards will be returning this summer. The Department is assisting some of the lifeguards with their recertification. She advised that she is working on putting together some field trips for campers.
2. MOR update – Ms. Conroy reported that 170 fliers had gone out to a list of previous Music on the River donors and contributions have started to come in. Mr. Parker stated that the July 2 concert will feature the Coast Guard Jazz Band. It was noted that the next meeting of the committee will be held on April 12th.
3. MOC fields – Ms. Conroy advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission is updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. She stated that, in order to apply for grants to upgrade the fields at the Municipal Office complex, the project would have to be made a part of the new Plan of Conservation and Development.

MR. GRILLO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MR. LAFFAN, TO INCLUDE THE PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE THE SPORTS FIELDS ON THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX PROPERTY IN THE TOWN'S UPDATED PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT. UNANIMOUS AYE.

4. 2018 Celebrate East Haddam booth with disc golf – Mr. Laffan proposed the Recreation Commission sponsor a booth at the upcoming Celebrate East Haddam event. He stated that a list of Rec Commission programs and sign-up sheets could be made available and also suggested a disc golf demonstration. The Commissioners supported his suggestion.

Mr. Laffan responded to several questions about the disc golf course and program and it was noted that there has been some discussion about offering disc golf as an afterschool activity at the Middle School.

Old Business

No old business was discussed at the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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