



TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

Parks and Recreation Commission

80 Main Street

Terryville, CT 06786

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2023

7:00- Senior Lounge - 80 Main St., Terryville, CT

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order-**

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gerry Bourbonniere.

2. **Attendance**

Members in attendance included: Chairman Gerry Bourbonniere, Rich Schnaars, Dennis Fowler, Kelly Vitale, David Downes, Parks and Recreation Director Maureen Cappetto and Pam Pelletier-Recording Secretary.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Lead by the Chairman

4. **Fire Exits** – pointed out by the Chairman

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- January 19, 2023 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: Dennis Fowler made a motion, which is seconded by Rich Schnaars to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023 as submitted and the motion is voted on unanimously.

6. **Correspondence**

Director Cappetto advises that she has received several complaints from an individual regarding dog waste along the track at Lake Winfield. She feels more staff is needed at the lake to clean up the messes left from dogs that their owners are not taking care of. The Director offered to place additional trash cans and bag stations for dog walkers as a resolution but does not expect that it will make much of a difference. Dave Downes also suggested additional signage.

Director Cappetto has received correspondence on Basketball which will be addressed at the March meeting.

7. **Public Participation** - none

8. **Update from TYSC on Terryville Lions Multi-Use Field**

Jen Gode, Terryville Youth Soccer Club offers the following update:

They have purchased and received some major pieces of equipment necessary for the field, one large bleacher and two regulation-sized goals at a cost of \$7000. The equipment will need to be assembled by their volunteers.

TYSC signups are underway for Spring, and they will return in March depending on the weather with a schedule of events for the new field.

As long as weather cooperates they hope to get the problem areas addressed as soon as they can.

9. Director's Report

Plymouth Parks and Recreation Director Report – February 16, 2023

Current programs and past

- *Yoga –Chair (Tuesdays nights and Wednesday morning) Adult (Wednesday nights)*
- *Setting up session for police and emergency personnel in town, spoke with Officer Cesar*
- *Cheer – started 11/09/2022- Parks & Recreation will cover cost.*
- *Arranging with Mrs. Alarcon to have middle school cheerleaders help at cheer practices*
- *cheer at middle school games was not possible as coaches 2nd grader get off the bus at 4:10 pm*
- *Basketball – started 11/12/2022.*
- *We will review program financials and policies in March meeting once the season is complete.*
- *Working on playoffs*
- *Community Garden addition*

Safe@Home program February 2 & 9th at Fisher was very good and well-reviewed-program was well received, (18) participants- looking at offering program again in the Fall.

Future Programs

- *Comedy Night – Senior events at Opera House*
- *In collaboration with the BOE*
- *SafeSitter program will be next – Jenny Fowler will be presenting – fits with consumer sciences classes – offered to 6-8th graders minimal fee*
- *Tentative Feb break minicamp – Tuesday and Thursday 9-1 at Eli Terry*
 - *25 students signed up.*
 - *4 sessions –science, PE Activity, art, cooking, video truck – 3rd-8th Grade; Dave Downes comments that he has heard positive chatter on this program.*
- *Fishing Derby – Terryville Fish and Game and Lions? – waiting for Tony and George – Program will be offered at Lake Winfield, Lions will pay for stocking of lake; each child will receive a pole & tackle to take home.*
- *Middle School Adventure Camp for 1 week this summer - Different field trip every day - Chairman Bourbonniere suggests a trip to a trampoline park or to Foxwood to drive the Go-carts.*
- *Gymnastics and Karate coming back for spring – (2) classes offered Registration 10 and 7 participants.*

Senior Events

- *Membership is open.*
- *Mardi gras Tuesday – dinner and trivia - \$10 fee – at Mulligans*
- *March should be opera house, movie night or workshop*

American Rescue Plan Act

- *New Tennis court and pickleball courts - Paul Pronovost and I working on quotes and plans. Meeting with Paul on Wednesday at 10.*
- *Next request for funds at March meeting with be updates to Lake Winfield, volleyball court, bathrooms, lights in gazebo, lights at lake Winfield – all would make lake a gathering spot of community events*
- *Human Resources wants to ask for ARPA funds to further expand the community garden. I am working with them/containing them. I do not recommend increasing the size, I suggest using their request to enhance the area with possibly a new fence and shrubs.*

Titans Lease

Not 100% what I expected.

Once approved we can start scheduling spring programs at the field and look for leases. Their representative made all kinds of demands and then met with the Mayor without my

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knowledge, not exactly what I wanted - \$1500 per year, dates were cut back to Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sundays (4 hours only).

Budget submitted. Being presented to Finance tonight. We will be contacted by our Finance committee liaison to review, next step is back to finance and then to Town Council.

Public works is requesting 1 additional staff member to support them and Parks and Rec. I will attend meeting to express our endorsement of the additional staff member.

Director to keep everyone updated with meeting dates.

10. Chairman/Commissioners Comments

Dennis Fowler recommends that the Director contact Mark Sekorski for a second quote for the deck and bathroom improvements at Lake Winfield. Mark is very dedicated and involved in the Community and may be able to come back with suggestions and better quote.

Dave Downes agrees and comments that he would love to see additional enhancements at Lake Winfield.

11. Adjourn

MOTION: Rich Schnaars made a motion, which is seconded by Kelly Vitale to adjourn the meeting and the motion is voted on unanimously.

Submitted by,

Pam Pelletier, Recording Secretary