

**SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION**

**SALEM, CONNECTICUT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**July 20, 2009**

**Present**

Bob Appleby      Peter Lee  
Pam Henry        Al Giansanti  
Kim Bingham     Rich Cirillo  
Sue Spang/Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

**Absent**

Jim Burke  
Joe Dalton

**Guests**

Don Bordeau

**Call to order:**

Chair person Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:49pm.

**1. Minutes:**

**M/S/C (Appleby/Spang) to approve June minutes as amended. Sustaining: J. Dalton, P. Lee, P. Henry, A. Giansanti, K. Bingham, R. Cirillo**

Discussion followed for "Don Bordeau Report" concerning security cameras, page 2, June minutes. It was noted in the future coverage of the playground may be included.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Spang) to approve June minutes as amended. Vote: Unanimous**

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

S. Spang reported the bills to date for the 2009/10 budget have included vendor payment for programs. They include music lessons, Mad Science, Tennis Camp, NY Bus Trip, and adult exercise. There was a bill for Jacobson of approximately \$2,000.00 that was taken out of the 2008/2009 budget.

**3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:**

Correspondence was read by D. Weston from resident Sue Weber to congratulate the Recreation Commission on the new tennis courts and tennis camp.

Don Bourdeau Report:

No Horse/Dog signs will be installed at playing fields.

RT 82 Gadbois property is being used for the CATO Rocket Club. More mowing might need to be done on the field.

No parking signs will be installed at the Public Works area for daytime work hour's use of recreation field and courts.

D. Bourdeau mentioned the opening in the stone wall at the RHR complex. He feels as though it is a safety hazard for the children running out into the road. The opening will be closed up.

**4. Additions and Revisions:**

S. Spang added "d. Halloween" to New Business.

**5. New Business:**

**a. 10 Year Forsyth Plan**

B. Appleby presented the Commission with a plan for the Forsyth Rd Complex. The plan includes a parking lot, area for recreation/playground, and a building for concession stand. The soccer club will be donating a Carefree Building at the Forsyth Rd Recreation area. Materials from the grading will be used for the parking lot. P. Lee suggested the addition of a pavilion and D. Bourdeau suggested a playscape. The Commission agreed to the additions.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to accept the 10 Year Plan for Forsyth Rd Complex. Vote: Approved unanimously**

**b. Press Box Update**

A press box and pad for a concession stand site plan will be competed and presented to P&Z. P. Lee has a donor for \$3,000.00 for building materials for the press box. It was decided members will attend the next BOS meeting on August 4 7:30pm and the BOF meeting on August 13 at 7:30.

B. Appleby, P. Henry and P. Lee will work on a time line for the recreation accomplishments. The lack of a site plan needs to be addressed with P&Z; the cost of site plan vs. the cost of upgrade to facility.

**c. Tennis Court Update**

Two signs will be put on the gates of the tennis courts concerning rules for the courts. "No skateboards/roller blading/bikes/pets" along with "limit of play time to 1 hour, appropriate footwear/cleats, will also be included.

R. Cirillo asked if a broom and squeegee could be purchased for the tennis courts.

Discussion about benches took place. The possibility of seeking donations for 4 to 5 foot benches was discussed.

A push button will be installed for the light use.

A rock or pole will be placed so no cars will be able to pull up to basketball courts.

**d. Halloween**

S. Spang reported Gardner Lake Firehouse will not be doing their Halloween party this year. S. Spang presented the idea of holding a “Haunted Trail” on the Multi-purpose Path. The Lions Club will be approached with the idea for a fundraiser for them.

**e. Major League Bleachers**

Discussion took place about bleachers on the 1<sup>st</sup> base line of the Major League field. The consensus is there is enough room for a two- three bench. P. Henry suggested angling the existing bleachers to enable seeing home base.

**f. Formation of Parking Lot Safety Subcommittee**

Postponed until next month.

**g. Recreation Clerk Report**

D. Weston reported the Tennis Camp was a huge success. Mad Science Camp and Music Lessons have also been successful. Fall programs are starting to be lined up. Jewelry making, senior computer classes and possible adult tennis are some of the programs that might be included. The Commission thanked D. Weston for her work.

**h. Budget/Custodian**

S. Spang will discuss with the school how the custodian will be handled now that it comes under the Recreation budget.

**6. Old Business:**

**a. Baseball**

A.Giansanti reported baseball is over until the “Fall Ball” program starts. It was a successful season along with a successful tournament that was held in Salem. S.Spang will bill the “War at the Shore” for 4 games for use of the field. Baseball held its annual picnic. Adult softball will be this Friday at the school, and then it will move to the RHR complex. Girl’s softball was congratulated on their achievement of tournament play. They will attend the next BOS meeting and bring their trophy.

**b. Soccer**

Postponed until next month.

**c. Basketball – No reported presented.**

**d. Multi Purpose Path**

Postponed until next month.

**e. Tennis/Basketball Courts**

S. Spang requested this be removed from “Old Business”.

f. **Field Outreach** – Discussed under “10 Year Forsyth Rd Plan”.

**7. Adjournment:**

**M/S/C (Cirillo/Bingham) to adjourn meeting at 9:49pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary