

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 17, 2015

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Present

Pam Henry  
Dave Kennedy  
Crispin Fresco-Hawes  
Sue Spang/Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Bob Appleby  
Al Giansanti

Absent

Doug Morrow  
Vacancy

Guests

Paul Bureau

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**1. MINUTES:**

M/S/C (Henry/Kennedy) to approve the July 20, 2015 minutes as presented.  
Vote: Approved unanimous.

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

S. Spang reported the Recreation Commission sent flowers to the funeral for Member Jim Burke.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Giansanti informed the Commission the Prop Buster's event was well attended.

**4. ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Playscape**

S. Spang informed the Commission the contract for the playscape has been signed. The gravitator, sign, extended one year warranty and inspections have been included with no price increase to the previous quote. The install should take place mid-September. The installer stated the drainage should be done after the install; S. Spang will discuss with Don Bourdeau. The springy animals and climbing tube will be reinstalled at Volunteer Park on Forsyth Road.

**b. Scoreboard**

D. Kennedy stated the plans for the scoreboard were received by CLA Engineers. The holes for the posts will be 7' deep, 36" wide. It will be steel columns with anchor bolts. A 9' test hole will have to be dug. It is hoped the scoreboard will be unveiled on Opening Day 2016.

**c. Basketball with East Lyme**

Discussion took place on the basketball program with East Lyme. It was decided it asked by East Lyme again, Salem would participate.

The Salem Recreation program was discussed. Rich Fenner is relocating; S. Spang will contact Alan Maziarz to see if he is still interested in running the program.

**d. Well at Volunteer Park**

B. Appleby will meet with Don Bourdeau to start the process for installing the well.

**e. Vacancy**

Due to the death of member Jim Burke, there is a vacancy on the Recreation Commission. Discussion from the Commission and the consensus of the Commission is to appoint Diane Weston to fill the vacancy. D. Weston will be able to step into the position easily as she has attended all Recreation Commission meetings for the last seven years.

The Recreation Program Coordinator position will be advertised for 10 hours per week at the hourly rate of \$13.00.

**f. Recreation Clerk Report**

No report.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Volunteer Park** – B. Appleby reported one field is closed (resting) at Volunteer Park. The Salem School soccer team will play at RHR; the field needs to be lined.

**b. Baseball** – Paul Bureau reported registrations are being submitted for Fall Ball. There will be teams comprised of Salem/Bozrah members. Practice will start before Labor Day and games will begin on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The major and softball field will be used. Paul thanked Public Works and the Recreation Commission for the successful season. Discussion was held on the AAU sheds, they have been found left open and the equipment out. S.Spang stated War @ the Shore has the keys to the sheds. Paul stated if he had a key he would lock the shed if he saw it was open. Taking a deposit for shed use was discussed. SYBL will acquire a PO Box for their mail.

**c. Soccer** – B. Appleby reported practice has started; fall soccer will start in September. It was noted that when the goals are being used, they should have the weight bags on them for holding in place.

**d. Basketball**- See C. Basketball with East Lyme.

**e. Tennis** – After the July Recreation Commission meeting, S. Spang and D. Kennedy had to go to the basketball courts to speak to young adults who had their car parked on the courts so they could listen to their music.

**f. Multi-purpose Path** – S. Spang reported the Army Corp permit has been received and a STEAP grant will be submitted for more work on the path.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion was held if the Tee Ball field at Round Hill Road should be dedicated to Member Jim Burke. It would be dedicated on Opening Day 2016.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Giansanti) to name the Tee Ball field after Jim Burke and a plaque to be placed at the field.**

**Vote: approved unanimous.**

M/S/C (Appleby/Kennedy) to have all Salem Park and Recreation areas smoke free.  
Vote: approved unanimous.

**8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Community Ice Skating Rink

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/C (Giansanti/Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by  
Diane Weston  
Recording Secretary