

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 15, 2015

Present

Pam Henry Doug Morrow
Crispin Fresco-Hawes
Dave Kennedy (late arrival)
Sue Spang/Chairperson
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke
Bob Appleby
Al Giansanti

Guests

Jason Labonte Art Christian
Kevin Lyden

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. MINUTES:

**M/S/C (Henry/Morrow) to approve the June 15, 2015 minutes as presented.
Vote: Approved unanimously.**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

S. Spang reported the only program payments have been made.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Jason Labonte presented his final report to the Commission on his Eagle Scout project of replacing the roof on four dugouts. He thanked the Commission for their support of the project and to Dave Kennedy who acted as mentor for Jason and his project. The project came in under budget (\$1359). S. Spang thanked Jason for his hard work, budget amount and commended him on a great job.
(see attached)

Kevin Lyden spoke to the Commission and thanked them for their hard work. He would like to have a publication from the Commission quarterly for the "Our Town" issue. An advertisement will be placed in the newspaper for the part time Recreation Program Coordinator position.

Art Christian thanked the Commission for the open gym time that he is given over the holiday break for basketball play with young adults.

Mr. Chistian submitted a drawing to the Commission on placement of the scoreboard at the Babe Ruth field and discussed tree work that might have to be done.

S. Spang stated that the site had been looked at and some trees will have to come down. (See New Business 5.B)
(see attached)

Discussion took place on Salem baseball players that play on the East Lyme High School team and East Lyme Babe Ruth team. The teams had an outstanding season this year. S. Spang will write an article for the next "Our Town" on how involved Salem youth is on these teams.

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4. ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Playscape

Three designs (see attached) for the playscape for Round Hill Road were reviewed and discussed. The Commission choose the design from Childscapes. S. Spang stated some equipment will be removed to make room for the new equipment. The old equipment might be installed in another recreation area. S. Spang will speak with the company representative about including a sign and gravitron. Public Works will dispose of the packaging; they will also install the drainage. S.Spang will inquire as to when the drainage should be installed.

M/S/C (Henry/Morrow) to accept the playscape proposal from Childscapes/Burke provided it includes the sign and gravator.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

b. Scoreboard/Trees Cut

D. Kennedy and S. Spang met with CLA Engineers to discuss the install of the scoreboard. CLA will submit a drawing next week for the install.

The placement of the scoreboard will depend on soil composition; the area 20' towards center field is being looked at for the install.

Some trees might have to be taken down; the Lions will take the wood for their firewood deliveries.

D. Morrow will arrange delivery of the sign from Jaypro.

c. Damage at Round Hill Road

The storm in June that moved through Salem damaged fencing and the batting cage.

D. Morrow submitted a report to S. Spang on the batting cage damage. He recommended deeper concrete for the corners that would be more permanent. The side footings seem to be fine along with the netting. This work will be done in the fall.

(see attached)

d. Well at Volunteer Park

S. Spang stated she has organized the file cabinet in the Building Department vault and the plans for Volunteer Park can be found easily.

e. Baseball Field Drainage

The pipe has been purchased for the drainage; it will be installed between the baseball fields and the tennis courts so the water will run beyond the area. Stone will have to be purchased. The work will be done in the fall.

f. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported summer programs are taking place.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Volunteer Park** – S. Spang reported a baseball ballard was delivered; a tennis and soccer ball has been ordered. The fencing and gate has been fixed on the tennis courts. The guardrails around the concession stand and at Forsyth Road have been installed.

b. Baseball

S. Spang feels there is a lack of communication between SYBL and the Recreation Commission. She would like to see SYBL attend the Recreation Commission meetings.

- c. **Soccer** – No report.
- d. **Basketball**- S. Spang asked the Commission to think about if travel basketball with East Lyme will be an option for the upcoming season.
- e. **Tennis** – No report.
- f. **Multi-purpose Path** – No report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Tobacco Free Fields - (to be removed for next month)
- b. Discussion of Field Fees - (to be removed for next month)

M/S/C (Morrow/Pam) to add Community Ice Rink to Future Action Items

Vote: Approved unanimous.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Morrow/Fresco-Hawes) to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary