

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2014

Present

Pam Henry Bob Appleby
Dave Kennedy Doug Morrow (late arrival)
Sue Spang/Chairperson
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke Timothy Allen
Vanessa Bunnell Al Giansanti

Guests

Crispin Fresco-Hawes

CALL TO ORDER:

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

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Kennedy/Henry) to approve the March 17, 2014 minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

D. Kennedy introduced Crispin Fresco-Hawes to the Commission.

4. Additions and Revisions

M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) for additions to the agenda and re-lettering: G. Update of Quotes for Round Hill Road; H. Fence on Major League Field and I. Recreation Clerk Reports

Vote: approved unanimous.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Memorandum of Understanding Approval

The MOU was discussed; Doug Morrow's name will be added to the front page and the spelling of Dave Kennedy's name will be corrected.

Changes/amendments will be made as needed. MOU will be required to be submitted yearly.

M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to approve the Salem Recreation Commission Memorandum of Understanding as amended on April 21, 2014.

Vote: approved unanimous.

Discussion took place on field use by the school and how soccer knows when their field is being used. Salem School should be submitting field use forms for field use; it concerns grooming for the field as well as overbooking of the field.

The MOU will be emailed to leagues and groups that are involved with the Salem Recreation Commission.

b. New Members

Vanessa Bunnell and Tim Allen have resigned from the Commission. Two new members will be needed.

c. Scoreboard

D. Kennedy reported JayPro has the Salem Lions logo that will be added to the sign. D. Morrow asked that payment be made to JayPro. S. Spang reported the donation had been received from SYBL and are waiting for the donation from the Salem Lions.

The length of the conduit that is needed to the first base dugout was discussed along with the location of the scoreboard box for recharging.

d. Budget Update

S. Spang reported attendance is needed at the May 7 Town meeting to support the install of the playscape at RHR.

Discussion took place on the use of rubber mulch for underneath the playscape.

e. Round Hill Road Lighting

D. Kennedy reported he is almost done with the estimates for excavation and electrical for the lighting. Location of the transformer; conduit, and the distance around the field was discussed.

f. Field Use

S. Spang discussed when the fields are too wet due to rain, they cannot be used.

**Background checks – S. Spang discussed the necessity of the background checks. Coaches names and a pass or fail is the only information needed by the Commission. Official documentation is needed by the service that provides the background checks to the leagues.

The Little League umpires are not being covered by insurance. The umpires are not covered by the Town insurance. The umpires are refusing to umpire games for Little League until they are covered by insurance.

g. Update on Quotes for Round Hill Road

S. Spang obtained three quotes for the work to be done on the Round Hill Road parking lot. It is to make the parking lot safer for the flow of traffic. 10 x 10 wood guard rails will be used. “The Fence Man” will start work within the month.

h. Fence on Major League Field

The fence between the Major League and T-Ball field was discussed. The height of the fence and safety from home runs hit on the Major League field was discussed. S. Spang will get pricing for the fence to be installed on the T-Ball field.

i. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported June 28 will be the Red Sox at Yankees Stadium motor coach trip. Pricing is \$135.00 per ticket (includes game ticket and motor coach). Departure will be at 2:00pm for the 7:15pm game. There is a “Day on Your Own” New York City bus trip on May 10. A performing arts program will be held in July; music lessons, outdoor hockey in July, and possible basketball program will be offered for summer programs. Please go to www.salemct.gov/recreation for more information.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Volunteer Park** – B. Appleby reported the back parking lot will be worked on and no parking signs will be installed along Forsyth Road. S. Spang reminded B. Appleby that if the playscape does not pass in this budget, the work for Volunteer Park will be pushed back another year.
- b. **Baseball**- No report.
- c. **Soccer** – Registration has ended.
- d. **Basketball**- East Lyme has shown an interest in Salem kids for their travel team. The Salem travel team ended up with 10 students on the travel team. The league will need to have someone step up to run the program. Discussion took place on available gym time during the week if Salem decided to have their Rec kids go on East Lyme travel team.
- e. **Tennis** – The nets are installed and the courts are being used.
- f. **Multi-purpose Path** – No report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Jackie Hemmond, Head Librarian for the Salem Library has accepted a position in Suffield.

Memorial Day is approaching. Help will be needed for the judging of the bike decorating contest. D. Morrow and D. Kennedy offered to help; S. Spang will contact A. Giansanti to see if he is available.

Two Eagle Scout projects are underway. The kick wall at the soccer field on RHR and the press box are being worked on.

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Henry/Kennedy) to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary