

**SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION**

**SALEM, CONNECTICUT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**October 18, 2010**

**Present**

Peter Lee      Jim Burke

Bob Appleby   Rich Cirillo

Sue Spang/Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

**Absent**

Joe Dalton      Pam Henry

Al Giansanti    Kim Bingham

**Guests**

Don Bourdeau

**Call to order:**

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

**1. Minutes:**

**M/S/C (Appleby/Burke) to approve the September minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimous  
Abstaining: Lee, Cirillo**

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

No Report presented.

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

a. Don Bourdeau Report:

D. Bourdeau attended a Connecticut Parks & Recreation class, now the fields in Salem can be rated and assessed for wear and tear usage.

A test pit will need to be done for the RHR drainage. A stronger pipe will be installed.

D. Bourdeau discussed with Kevin Leyden about parking on Route 82 during a Salem Middle School cross country event at the Gadbois property. No one should be parking on Rt. 82. This issue needs to be addressed by the town.

The need for naming the fields and having a separate address for the Forsyth Road portion of the Gadbois property was discussed. Signs should be put up identifying the

different recreation complexes. If visitors are attending from out of town, there is no reference or address to direct them to.

Rich Cirillo will take a look at the tennis backboard to see if it is installed as needed.

D. Bordeau discussed with the school officials about replacement of the gate to the Multi Purpose Path with a more "user friendly" one.

A Step Grant of \$150,000.00 has been received for a pavilion at the Gadbois property.

Discussion took place for uses of the Gadbois property. A dog park has been mentioned by residents.

R. Cirillo asked about more uses for the Multi Purpose Path and if fitness stations could be researched for installation along the path.

#### **4. Additions and Revisions:**

S. Spang added Recreation Conference item g, new business.

#### **5. New Business:**

##### **a. Ice Skating Rink**

Locations for an ice skating rink in Town were discussed. The Gadbois property seemed a logical place, however, it was decided there is not funding in the 2010/2011 budget for the purchase.

##### **b. Disorderly Parents/Coaches**

S. Spang discussed there was an article in the Norwich Bulletin. No letter has been presented to the Town attorney yet concerning the issue.

##### **c. Forsyth Road**

B. Appleby reported the electric work for the shed is progressing. The top dressing for the field will be the first week in November.

##### **d. Tree Lighting**

The Tree Lighting will be on December 5, the first Sunday in December. R. Cirillo will pick up the donuts and hot chocolate. P. Lee will pick up the candy canes. P. Henry will be asked to pick up paper goods and cider. P. Lee will also set up six 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers to help. S. Spang will take care of the singers and backdrop. D. Weston will make a flyer for the community calendar.

##### **e. Halloween**

The Recreation Commission will plan a Halloween event for 2011 at the school. There will be a carved pumpkin contest, and possibly a car trunk decorating contest. There was not enough notice this year to hold the event.

**f. Recreation Clerk Report**

D. Weston reported the NYC bus trip was cancelled due to not enough seats being filled to cover the expense of the bus.

Zumba class will be researched. After school programs are taking place for Salem School.

**g. Recreation Conference**

S. Spang asked members to let her know asap if anyone is interested in attending the conference at Mohegan Sun on November 22 and/or 23.

**6. Old Business:**

- a. **Baseball** – No report given. Discussion took place concerning material expense of the storage units for the dugouts. The league would need to ask the Commission formally for funding. S. Spang will ask Bob Banker to attend the next meeting as a representative for baseball. Soccer and baseball should be prepared with knowledge of league finances.
- b. **Soccer**- B. Appleby reported very thing is fine with soccer.
- c. **Basketball** – There will be one travel team this season. There is no Sunday use of the gym for basketball.
- d. **Tennis** – The nets will be removed and the gate locked as of December 1.
- e. **Volleyball** – Started on Wednesday's at the Salem School Gym.
- f. **Multi Purpose Path** – No report.

**7. Other Business**

Field Maintenance budget was discussed. The budget should be increased due to more field work needed. D. Bourdeau and the Commission will discuss the issue with the BOF when presentations are done in January.

Due to the nature of organic materials needed for the fields, this will increase the expense of maintenance.

Recreation Commission funding that is given to the leagues was discussed. Due to the nature of the economic time, leagues requesting funds might have to approach the Commission with justification for the funding request.

S. Spang will submit an email to the soccer, baseball and basketball leagues requesting a representative from their league be present at the November 15 Recreation Commission meeting with their budget and account statements.

Basketball has refused funding for the 2010/2011 season.

**8. Future Action Items:**

- a. Disc Golf

b. Skateboard Park – J. Burke is interested in getting more information on skateboard parks.

**9. Adjournment:**

**M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to adjourn meeting at 9:05pm. Vote: Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary