

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Present

Pam Henry Vanessa Bunnell
Dave Kennedy Bob Appleby
Timothy Allen (late arrival)
Sue Spang/Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke Al Giansanti
Vacancy

Guests

Donald Bourdeau Peter Lee
David Kennedy Jr.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Henry/Kennedy) to approve the August 19, 2013 minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

M/S/C (Appleby/Bunnell) to accept the treasury report as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

Payments were made to Chris Hebert for Music Lessons and Diane Weston for supplies.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

David Kennedy Jr. thanked the Commission for funding his Eagle Scout project of the rebuilding of the press box. The Commission thanked David for the work and is pleased with the finished project.

a. Don Bourdeau Report

D. Bourdeau reported there are issues with the fields. The grass is turning brown due to the type of warm weather grass that has migrated to the field.

Next year he would like to put on a top dressing. It will help make the fields safer.

The soccer and softball fields have a problem with the grass; it may be from the type of grass seed that was used.

Abuse is taking place on the tennis courts; people with rollerblades and dogs are using the courts.

There is \$1900.00 remaining to utilize for the parking lot on Forsyth Road.

B. Appleby asked if the grass could be cut lower on the back parking lot. Discussion took place on an install of railing on the back parking lot.

D. Kennedy asked if crushed stone could be place around the newly rebuild press box. D. Bourdeau stated he would take care of it.

4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Basketball Partnership discussion with East Lyme.**

V. Bunnell reported East Lyme Recreation Basketball has agreed to work with Salem Recreation Basketball for scrimmages and for girls to try out for the team. East Lyme did not agree to let Salem youth try out for the travel team. Colchester was going to vote to let Salem try out for their travel team. V. Bunnell will also contact Bozrah. The Salem School okayed gym use for the clinic that John Dickson would like to run on Thursday evenings starting October 3. Jim Cunningham, East Lyme Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, would like to run a coaches clinic for parents that are volunteering to work with the Salem Recreation program.

Discussion took place on ordering of uniforms or shirts.

b. **Babe Ruth Lighting (Will be changed to Round Hill Round Lighting)**

D. Kennedy updated the Commission on CL&P and the work to be done for installing lighting at the RHR baseball and soccer field. They recommended installing underground wiring and a single phase transformer to provide the electricity that would be needed for the lights. Test pits will need to be done for the install of the poles. There are grants available to help with the project.

The expense for electric use would be approximately \$14.00 per hour for the baseball field and \$9.00 per hour for the soccer field.

D. Bourdeau suggested D. Kennedy asked if poles could be used from the road and have lights installed to use for the parking lot. D. Kennedy will check with CL&P to see if that could be done.

The transformer will be on a slab.

Discussion took place on a scoreboard for the fields.

D. Bourdeau suggested Kevin Lyden ask CL&P representative for Salem if any grant money is available for projects like this.

(See attached)

c. **Eagle Scout Project**

See 3. Public Comments

S. Spang mentioned there are funds in the Capitol funding for the softball field press box. It could be an Eagle Scout project.

d. **New Member**

Peter Lee has resigned; a new member will be needed.

e. **Halloween**

The Rec Commission will sponsor a "Trick or Trunk" on October 18, 2013, in conjunction with the Salem School PTO "Boo Bash". It will be at Gardner Lake Fire Company in Salem from 5:00 to 8:00pm. S. Spang asked for help from the members for the evening.

f. **Recreation Clerk Report**

Bus trips are listed on the website; after school programs will be planned.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Forsyth Road** – B. Appleby reported the door on the shed had been tried to be pried open.
- b. **Baseball**- D. Kennedy reported fall ball is underway. Discussion took place on the needed insurance form from the baseball league.

The Commission discussed buying two sets of bases and field maintenance equipment for use by AAU. The members decided it was a good idea. The equipment will be stored separately in a locked shed and a deposit will be asked of the AAU teams for key issue.

- c. **Soccer** – B. Appleby reported it is two weeks into the fall program and everything is running well. Discussion took place on the Salem School unauthorized use of the soccer field at RHR. The Recreation Commission and Soccer league were not aware the field was being used. B. Appleby stated he needed to know when they were using the field so he did not schedule another use for the field. And if the field gets more use than it should, it would not be good for the grass. S. Spang will speak with the principal at Salem School about use of the fields.
- d. **Basketball**- Discussed earlier. D. Bourdeau will change out locks on the Recreation cabinet at Salem School.
- e. **Tennis** – No report.
- f. **Multi-purpose Path** – No report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission thanked Peter Lee for his years of service.

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Language for Adult Gym Use.**
- b. **MOU for leagues** – S. Spang and P. Henry will work on the MOU for the leagues.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary