

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M
AT THE YOUTH CENTER, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

Present: Jim Nankin, Chairman, Paul Fracasse, Dan Nowak, Steve Trifone, Patrick Duffy and Karen Bertoni

Staff Present: Sandy Petela

Absent: Bob Ceccolini and Mike O'Donnell
Peter Talbot, Liaison for Town Council

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Nankin called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

MOTION: Ms. Bertoni made a motion to accept the December 7, 2016 minutes.

MOVED Mr. Trifone seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Nankin noted P&R had the best crew while Kevin was here.

Mr. Nankin also spoke about the possible budget cuts that can affect P&R after tonight's meeting at the Town Hall.

COUNCIL LIAISON

Mr. Talbot is absent from the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Communications

Mr. Nankin didn't have any communications to share.

Pool Discussion

Ms. Petela talked about the pool from an email she received from Sheila Adams as an update. Sheila said in her email the winter session for lessons have just begun and there are two sessions for lessons. The first one all the classes are running at full capacity and some are full for the second session that starts in late February. She noted it was a fairly busy week over the holidays and lots of families were at the facility.

Tobacco Free Parks

Mr. Nankin said he doesn't know where we stand on this issue yet.

Ms. Petela said next Tuesday, January 10, 2017 this would be discussed at the Town Council meeting as she was told.

Rec Person of the Year

On HOLD

Commission Elections

Mr. Trifone nominated Mr. Nankin as Chairman for the P&R Commission.

Ms. Bertoni seconded the nomination.

Mr. Nankin asked if there were any other nominations three times then closed the nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Trifone made a motion that Jim Nankin be Chairman of the P&R Commission.

MOVED: Ms. Bertoni seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

At the end of 2017 will mark Mr. Nankin's completion of 25 years as Chairman of the P&R Commission, he is beginning his 25th year now.

Mr. Nankin nominated Patrick Duffy for Vice Chairman of the P&R Commission.

Mr. Nowak seconded the nomination.

Mr. Nankin asked if there were any other nominations three times then closed the nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Nankin made a motion to elect Patrick Duffy as the Vice Chairman for the P&R Commission.

MOVED: Mr. Nowak seconded the motion.

VOTE: All were in favor of the motion, the motion passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Nankin nominated Paul Fracasse for Secretary of the P&R Commission.

Mr. Trifone seconded the nomination.

Mr. Nankin asked if there were any other nominations three times then closed the nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Nankin motioned to elect Paul Fracasse as the Secretary for the P&R Commission.

MOVED: Mr. Trifone seconded the motion.

VOTE: All were in favor of the motion, the motion passed unanimously by those present.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Mr. O'Donnell is absent from the meeting.

Mr. Duffy arrived at 7:30 P.M.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks Update

Ms. Petela discussed the outdoor skating rink and said they received specs from a company. She said there would have to be a meeting with Paul Bowman and Michael Milone. The size of the rink would be 80 feet by 50 feet and locations were discussed but nothing is final yet. The delay would be three to four weeks for the arrival of materials and the installation.

Recreation Update

Ms. Petela said the basketball program for grades K-12 has 600 kids and is very popular.

Ms. Petela said the brochure is out and some trips have come back. Silver Mills is the company that runs the trips; they staff it and create the itinerary.

Ms. Petela said some programs are gone because of the all-day kindergarten.

Mr. Nankin asked if there are any thoughts on bringing back the baseball trips. Ms. Petela replied P&R used to take care of that and were stuck without a lot of tickets because we couldn't sell them all. Silver Mills would take care of that.

Budget Update

Ms. Petela said the budget is due next Friday

Sponsorship Policy

Ms. Petela said the Town Council approved the Sponsorship Policy on December 13, 2016.

Ms. Petela said Mr. Ceccolini has already asked Elizabeth and Stephanie to set up scheduling online to sponsor an event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

There isn't any Executive Session.

COMMISSIONER'S FORUM

Mr. Duffy wished everyone a happy new year and he hopes Bob Ceccolini feels better.

Mr. Trifone wished Bob the best and happy new year to everyone.

Mr. Nowak said his tenure ends the end of this month and yesterday he was nominated to continue. He wishes Bob the best.

Mr. Fracasse said best wishes to Bob and thanked Ms. Bertoni for the cookies.

Ms. Bertoni said happy new year to everyone and hopes Bob has a quick recovery.

Mr. Nankin wished everyone a happy new year and wishes Bob to get well. Also, Ms. Petela did a good job tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Fracasse made a motion to adjourn.

MOVED: Mr. Duffy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was passed unanimously by those present. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Attest:

Claudia J. Baron, Clerk
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