

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Meeting Held On Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 P.M  
Youth Center, Cheshire, CT

Present: Jim Nankin, Chairman, Patrick Duffy, Mike O'Donnell, Dan Nowak,  
Paul Fracasse

Absent: Peter Talbot, Dan Nowak, Steve Trifone, Karen Bertoni

Staff Present: Sandy Petela, Deputy Director

Guest: Bob Ciccolini

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Nankin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Commission Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING**

MOTION: Mr. Duffy made a motion to accept the May minutes.

MOVED: Mr. Fracasse seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**COUNCIL LIAISON**

Mr. Talbot was not in attendance.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Communications

There are no communications to discuss this month.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

Mr. O'Donnell inquired about the lack of water at the dog park and whether it had been fixed.  
Mrs. Petela replied she will find out.

Chairman Nankin asked for an update regarding the Dedication of the ball field in Bartlem Park in the name of Kevin Simmons, who retired from Cheshire's Parks and Recreation Department. Mrs. Petela distributed a flyer with the information. The event will take place on Tuesday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m. at Bartlem Park. The reception will be at the Pavilion; in case of rain, it will be held at Parks & Recreation.

Mr. O'Donnell spoke about the tree on the right-hand side of Town Hall that was overly pruned. Chairman Nankin stated that would be Public Works not Parks & Recreation.

Chairman Nankin announced the passing of Claudia Barron's father. The Chairman will inform the group of the funeral services, as soon as they become available.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### Parks Update

Mrs. Petela reported that the mowing has been kept up. Also, the ash trees have been pruned at Mixville. The areas by the bocce court and the pavilion also have been completed.

Mrs. Petela indicated that she received a report from Sheila Adams regarding the town's pool. Things are going well. There is a big swim meet this weekend, and the pool will be closed to the public during those hours.

The summer swimming lessons have started to fill up. A new head lifeguard has been hired and is fitting in nicely.

### Recreation Update

Mrs. Petela reported that this week Ms. Mayne had her staff orientation. Normally we have a summer intern; this year we did not. Due to Mr. Ceccolini's retirement, we have asked Mr. Milone permission to hire someone. We have hired Mr. Connor Negri to assist us with the summer camp.

The new tennis program is now in place. There are flyers informing the public of the program.

## **COMMISSIONER'S FORUM**

### Budget update

Mrs. Petela discussed the capital expenditure budget which was due June 1. There will be upgrades to all the bathrooms first and, after two years, there will be court renovations, Cheshire parks and the tennis courts makeovers. The Dodd tennis courts overhauls have been put on hold pending the outcome of the future of the Middle School.

Ms. Adams has made some requests for the pool, such as outdoor volleyball, outdoor bocce, outdoor sandbox area, to draw more residents to the pool. These items are part of the capital expenditure requests for year 2018-2019.

Mr. O'Donnell thanked everyone who was involved with the Memorial Day Parade. It was a success and drew large crowds.

Mr. Duffy and Mr. Fracasse extended condolences to Ms. Barron on her father's passing. Chairman Nankin informed the group that his name was Herman Asmus. Chairman Nankin also extended his condolences to Claudia Barron.

Mr. Duffy commented on how great the fields look in spite of all the rain.

Chairman Nankin announced that he will be presenting a gift check to Mr. Ceccolini as a result of the retirement dinner in his honor.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Mr. Duffy made a motion to adjourn.

MOVED: Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:

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Angela Izzo