

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. AT
THE CHESHIRE COMMUNITY POOL, 520 SOUTH MAIN STREET,
CHESHIRE, CT 06410**

Present: Chairman Patrick Duffy, Paul Fracasse, Dan Nowak,
Michael O'Donnell, Robert Parr, Steve Trifone
Mark Cunningham, Highway Superintendent

Absent: Karen Bertoni, Council Liaison, Peter Talbot

Staff: John Gawlak, Director

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Duffy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll and determined a quorum was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Mr. Duffy indicated that Mark Cunningham was not in attendance at the September meeting.

MOTION by Mr. M. O'Donnell, seconded by Mr. Fracasse

MOVED to approve and accept the minutes of September 4, 2019 as amended

VOTE The motion passed unanimously

5. PARKS UPDATE

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Skate Park cracks have been sealed. Winter, fall seeding is ongoing. The fence company is working on the state bids for the fencing. Discussion ensued on the size of the gauge required to make the fence stronger and safer. Mr. O'Donnell asked about the status of the paving work at the linear park.

Mr. Cunningham replied that this work has been contracted out to Laydon Construction and he will find out when it will be finished.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Talbot was not in attendance; there was nothing to report.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

None

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Chapman Property Master Plan

Mr. Gawlak reported that the review team will meet on October 11 to get an update on the surveys. The surveys have been coming in at a high rate. On October 15 and 17 there will be meetings comprising of open roundtable discussions with the various sports leagues to discuss challenges, field quality conditions and needs. On October 28 there will be a meeting during the day and one at night, at the Library; this will be a first public engagement.

Mr. Gawlak showed a talk board that was used at the Fall Fest to ask residents for suggestions on the best use of the Chapman property. These boards will be used at different locations to get residents' feedback and ideas for the Chapman property.

Members discussed possible uses for the Chapman property.

b. FY19-20 Budget

No new data.

The members discussed the possibility of installing pickle ball courts due to the popularity of the sport.

Mr. Gawlak is planning on being on the agenda for the P&Z November meeting regarding the garage for the pool. He discussed the uses of the sheds.

Mr. O'Donnell inquired about the loud blower at the pool. Mr. Gawlak responded that a meeting has been held to discuss this issue. Mr. Cunningham indicated that his staff will take care of the noise by adding bearings and cutting the shaft in half and adding a coupling in the middle to lessen the noise.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. DIRECTOR'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Gawlak presented his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Gawlak distributed an email regarding the EEE mosquito virus. A copy is attached to these minutes.

A discussion ensued about the Town of Cheshire rule that "will not allow outdoor activities on public property after 5:30 p.m. until further notice to minimize risk of exposure. This prohibition includes Cheshire Public Schools activities and organized activities at all Cheshire parks and open spaces". Members discussed the scheduling issued encountered by the various teams due to the ruling. This mosquito threat will exist until the first hard frost.

Mr. Gawlak read a request for a memorial bench at Mixville Park.

MOTION was made to accept the memorial bench request.

MOTION by Mr. M. O'Donnell, seconded by Mr. Duffy

VOTE The motion passed unanimously

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Fracasse; seconded by Mr. Duffy

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Izzo