

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M  
AT THE YOUTH CENTER, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

Present: Jim Nankin, Chairman, Patrick Duffy, Mike O'Donnell, Dan Nowak and Karen Bertoni

Staff Present: Bob Ceccolini

Absent: Paul Fracasse

**CALL TO ORDER**

Patrick Duffy, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Commission Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING**

MOTION: Mr. Duffy made a motion to accept the April, 2015 minutes.

MOVED: Ms. Bertoni seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed 4 to 1 with one abstention by Mr. Nankin who was not present at last month's meeting.

**COUNCIL LIAISON**

Mr. Talbot is absent from tonight's meeting.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Communications

Mr. Nankin said there were no communications to share.

Pool Discussion

Mr. Nowak told the Commission he attended the Town Council meeting and handed out a synopsis of the meeting for everyone to read (attached). He went over a few of the highlighted

areas in his notes that he felt were important. He said they do not know if Arizon has a state license.

Mr. Ceccolini said they were told there could be a delay; the facility could open after September.

Mr. Nowak noted that the facility would not be brought up at next week's meeting.

Mr. Ceccolini said a decision needs to be made to either to open the facility or keep it closed. He noted if they make a decision to keep it closed, it makes it easier for us. Mr. Ceccolini said there are penalties and deadlines involved.

Mr. Duffy said it is a community pool and to let the community use it. He suggested closing it in the winter.

Mr. Ceccolini noted the swim parents want the whole thing to be done correctly.

Mr. Nankin questioned how we would know if the steel is right for the footings. Mr. Ceccolini responded they are expecting the steel to hold up.

Mr. Nowak said they are contacting Bob Ceccolini because they do not know where to store the steel.

Mr. O'Donnell stated the biggest question, is Arizon qualified to do the job. He noted that no one knew the answer to that at last night's meeting. He noted that Arizon was invited to the Town Council meeting but did not come. He said this structure, a permanent, requires a Special Permit from the State. The bubble wasn't permanent; therefore, it wasn't required.

Mr. Ceccolini said three key factors that need to have answers which are the foundation, the R-factor and ventilation.

Mr. O'Donnell said it is because of the 150 foot span that they would need the Special Permit for.

Mr. Duffy said he thinks the footings are an engineering issue.

Mr. O'Donnell said last night's meeting left everyone with more questions than answers.

Mr. Nowak asked Mr. Ceccolini what his take is on the whole situation. Mr. Ceccolini replied whatever the Town tells him to do, we do it.

Mr. Ceccolini discussed the hiring of employees to work at the facility and having to let them go again, isn't fair to them.

Mr. O'Donnell asked Mr. Ceccolini if there is a September start date for the construction at the pool would he consider opening the pool for the summer. Mr. Ceccolini replied yes.

Mr. O'Donnell said our next meeting with Arizon will have a date of opening or it would be pushed until the fall.

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

Mr. O'Donnell informed Mr. Ceccolini that the lights on Ives Corner are out again. He wanted to know if they were vandalized again or are they just burnt out from running all night.

Mr. O'Donnell said the London Plain Trees would be planted next week.

Mr. Ceccolini said he had a meeting last week at the Library. Mr. O'Donnell said there is a celebration for the library's 100 years and there will be new plantings planted at the library.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### Dog Park

Mr. Ceccolini informed the Commission he is still waiting for two Eagle Scout projects to complete. He said fencing will be added and an area created for the work out stations. The dogs are using the equipment. A fountain for the dogs has been purchased and a plumber would be hired to install the fountain.

Mr. Ceccolini said there would be a small area for planting an herb garden in memory of someone.

Mr. O'Donnell suggested they put some conduit in where the existing waterline is before they pave the parking lot in case the water is ever needed to go somewhere else in the park.

### Parks Update

Mr. Ceccolini said there are a few small projects; leaks, irrigation system and cutting lawns. CYB has dumped five loads of clay to spread out, they are an active group.

Lacrosse and soccer have started using the fields. One field at Quinnipiac has been shut down at a time to improve the fields. They alternate the fields to give them a break from use.

### Recreation Update

The summer flyer was supposed to go to the printer already but because of the pool situation and Mixville it will be delayed a week.

The camps this summer are staying at Mixville and Cricket starts at the end of June.

### Budget Update

Mr. Ceccolini said the P&R budget was cut very little and he doesn't ask for a lot anyway. Next year he said P&R would probably request a full-time guy.

Mr. Ceccolini informed the Commission two more sections of the linear trail will open and the year after next another section would open up.

There was a brief discussion among Commission members of the timing of the pool opening and what would be impacted as a result.

Mr. Ceccolini said P&R has to start putting chemicals in so we don't lose the water that is already there.

Mr. Ceccolini said he has a meeting with Michael Milone tomorrow.

Mr. Ceccolini said in the capital budget he asked for tennis courts and field improvement money for next year's budget.

### **COMMISSIONER'S FORUM**

Mr. Nowak questioned if the electronic sign still has the correct timetable for installing it. Mr. Ceccolini said it would probably be installed next week. The sign has to be moved back a little distance because the PD had a meeting with the State Highway Dept and they are redoing the intersection at the high school which would require four poles to be installed. One of the poles is where the sign would have been installed; therefore, its location has been moved slightly.

Mr. Ceccolini said the playgrounds are going in. One has been completed and the other three would be done also.

Ms. Bertoni said she is looking forward to the summer concerts.

Mr. Ceccolini said the Billy Joel cover band; The Last Waltz, Lynard Synard and Moms & Pops are the scheduled concerts this summer. The dates are the last three Friday's in July and the first Friday in August. The carnival will also be going on during one of the concerts.

Mr. Ceccolini also said there could be a food truck jamboree at the same time. The Lions Club wants to do it at Bartlem Park.

Mr. O'Donnell wished everyone a happy Memorial Day. He also complimented Bob Ceccolini for the fencing along the linear trail from Mount Sanford to South Brooksvale, said it looks nice.

Mr. Ceccolini responded the cinder is the next part of the job.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn.

MOVED: Mr. Duffy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was passed unanimously by those present. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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Claudia J. Baron, Clerk  
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