

Board of Recreation minutes  
May 4th , 2016

**Call to order:** Jim DiVita @ 7:18pm

Members in attendance- Kurt Williams , Tim Wheeler, Kurt Root, Diane Ransom, Brian Shaunessey Jim DiVita, Lou Fracasso,  
Rec Director Tanya Risucci

**Absent:** Jamie Duffy

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:**

Approval of April 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 minutes

Motion to accept 4/6/16 meeting minutes by Diane Ransom, Seconded by Tim Wheeler : 5 favor ...2 abstain

**Public comment-** None

Lisa Steeves – Chairman of Laurel Commission. Presented proposed combination of efforts between Laurel Commission and Winsted Recreation to have a Community Fair event June 4<sup>th</sup> 12-4pm in East End Park. Looking to have service organizations participate along with Laurel contests to have booths to demonstrate /discuss available resources along with talents of contestants. Currently there are 10 contestants entered and this year is the first for both a King and Queen participant. From the Recreation side there will be a bounce house, table for summer playground registration and we will distribute water bottles. Final line up and required support will be discussed at June 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting. Facility usage application has been completed.

Chris Perusse- Whalers U10 Baseball. Presented information on proposed U10 and U12 Tournament July 15, 16, 17<sup>th</sup> run by Tag'm Tournament ( Toms River NJ). Field requirements would be LL Field , Dodge Field and Back Rowley. Fields would need to be maintained between games which Chris would coordinate . Restrooms would need to be made available and looking to coordinate with WYL to have concession stand open. Tagem would coordinate registrations and umpires. Understanding of revenue breakdown is as follows : WYL 100% from concession, Whalers 40% and Tagem 60% from what left over after paying for umpires, balls etc... Targeting to have 8 teams in each age group. Chris is looking to start advertisement asap and will come back to report status at June meeting.

Motion to accept event: Diane Ransom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Wheeler; Vote Unanimous

## **Agenda Review**

Old Business: Wrap up report Home Run Derby and 1<sup>st</sup> round Hit Run Competition:  
Tim Wheeler  
New Business- 2<sup>nd</sup> round Hit Run Competition: Tim Wheeler

### **Chairman's report-**

Jim invited Art Melcheyer to meeting to give some history and insight regarding signage at parks . Art indicated that P&Z is currently working on revising regulations from 14 pages and down to 6. Current ordinances date back 80 plus years . Board approved events can place temporary signage in parks for those specific events. Also Art remembers approval for advertisement signage at baseball parks fence lines was given a number of years ago.

### **Directors report – Distributed**

Highlights :

Proposed cost breakdown and Janitorial hourly rate and proposed responsibilities from School State Overseer reviewed and discussed. Effected programs primarily on weekends would be all basketball programs,(Mens, Travel & Rec) , Easter event if building needed and Futsal program at this time . Looking for ways to offset this increase /impact to programs along with minimizing actual amount of time Janitor is required to be on site. Recreation department will no longer have keys/ access to buildings effective 7/1/16.

Preliminary discussion/review of new field usage fees for both Gilbert and other non recreation sponsored teams . More discussion to be held at June meeting

Discussion regarding installation of a batting cage adjacent to Nalette Grandstand is being proposed by Gilbert Baseball Team. Gilbert will pick up cost of project.  
Motion to accept and move forward with cage by Jim DiVita ,seconded by Time Wheeler. Vote Unanimous.

Winsted Farmers Market Summer Schedule proposed for East End Park 5/28 and Every Friday 2-6:30pm starting 6/24 thru 10/24 . Facility usage application has been completed

Motion to waive fee for Market by Jim DiVita ,seconded by Diane Ransom. Vote Unanimous.

### **Program Updates:**

**Mens basketball:** Kurt Root

Revenue of \$1500 reported

**Rec Baseball/Softball : Kurt Williams**

All leagues up and running without issues to date.

Dug out construction on Back Rowley to commence within 1 week.

Still accepting Babe Ruth registrations till May 1<sup>st</sup>. Will combine again with Barkahamsted

Master Field schedule is currently being created.

**New Business:**

Tim Wheeler : Second round of Hit /Pitch/Run to be held May 15<sup>th</sup> 12 pm at LL Field

**Old Business:**

Tim Wheeler : Jr Home Run Derby completed.

Adjourn @ 8:55 pm Motion to adjourn Kurt Williams , seconded by Tim Wheeler :  
Vote Unanimous

Next meeting 6/1/16

Respectfully Submitted,

Kurt D Williams  
Recreation Board Secretary

The Above Minutes Have Not Been Approved  
By The Recreation Board. Approval  
Date Will Be Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting.