

Board of Recreation minutes  
May 7<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Call to order:** Jim DiVita @ 7:05 pm

Members in attendance- Jim DiVita, Tim Wheeler, Brian Shaughnessy , Kurt Root ,Kurt Williams, Ray Rabago,

**Absent:** Diane Ransom, George Mills , Lou Fracasso

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:**

Approval of April 2nd 2014 minutes

Motion to accept by Kurt Williams , Seconded Tim Wheeler: Vote: Unanimous

**Public comment-**

Craig Schroeder.... President Gaylord Tiffany Playground....Presented the board with an overview and history of the Gaylord Tiffany Charitable Trust which was established in 1957. Review of trust purpose and process by which trust committee can donate money to be used to support youth at the playground complex. Graig is requesting that Rec Department request be ready for their May meeting which will take place last week of May.

**Agenda Review:-** No changes

**New Business**

None

**Old Business :**

None

**Chairman's report/ Directors report (Interim Period)- Jim DiVita**

- Easter Egg hunt held in collaboration with WYL was a success. Thanks go out to Gilbert Girls softball team that assisted
- Summer Playground/Beach update
- Life Guard meeting scheduled for 5/16. Hopefully same staff as last year will be in place.
- Playground Staff meeting scheduled for 5/8 at Green Building. Draft program for summer will be presented for input at this meeting. Looking to integrate other local programs /venues weekly into to the playground schedule.
- New TV donated by Gaylord Tiffany Trust
- Looking at last week of camp to have a roast sponsored by VFW free of charge .( Target date August 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Applications for summer staff closing date will be 5/16
- AAU basketball at Pearson will be managed by Matt O'Connell Pearson Principal not Rec Department.
- Jim has proposed facility use/rental fee structure that he will discuss more at June meeting.
- Youth Flag Football sessions to commence on Sunday afternoon 5/11 at Rowley field.
- New Restrooms will be maintained/cleaned by Rec Dept maintenance staff.
- Rowley field infield change for girls softball to be tabled 30 days. RFQ for clay material to be handled by Mark Douglass.
- Review of memo requesting that Police Dept close skate park at 10:00pm nightly. Response from department was they cannot support at this time.
- A few applications for Rec Director Position have been received.

- Focus over the next few weeks will be on Summer Program structure.
- Jim will be out of town 5/26-6/9

**Program Updates:**

**Youth Baseball: Kurt Williams :**

- Opening Day ceremony held 4/25. Season is off and running at this time .
- Restroom mural painting concept is on hold at this time due to info back from manufacturer indicating that existing paint cannot be disturbed for 2-3 years without affecting warranty. WYL is looking into the possibility of planting shrubbery around building to enhance overall look. Will report back to Rec Board at June meeting with planting recommendation.
- WYL will also be installing new blind behind LL backstop that will provide more privacy at Restroom door openings.

**Youth Basketball : Kurt Williams**

All leagues officially done.

Kurt Root and Brandon Fields are requesting use of Pearson gym a few nights in June in preparation for Torrington Summer League games. Board has no issues with supporting

**Mens Basketball: Jim DiVita**

Jim presented list of team non payment from winter league.

**Mens Softball: Kurt Root**

Coaches meeting to be held 5/9. Balls are available for season start at this time slated for 5/12.

Coed league is slated to start first week of June

Kurt is still actively looking at Ryan Field improvements and fundraising to support endeavors. A 015 account number for Field improvements has been set up.

**New Business:**

none

**Old Business:**

none

**Misc.**

Second round of MLB Pitch/Hit/Throw completion for youth Ages 7-14. Will be held 5/18 at Little League Field 1:00pm : Tim Wheeler is organizing event.  
First round there were 7 participants.

**Adjournment**

Adjourn @ 9:10pm ; Motion by Ray Rabago , Second Tim Wheeler : Vote : Unanimous

Next Meeting June 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 @ 7:00pm Town Hall

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.