

Board of Recreation minutes
August 6th 2014

Call to order: Jim DiVita @ 7:01 pm

Members in attendance- Jim DiVita, Tim Wheeler, Brian Shaughnessy ,Kurt Williams, Ray Rabago , Diane Ransom, Lou Fracasso, Kurt Root ,George Mills

Rec Director Tanya Risucci

Absent: none

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

Approval of July 2nd 2014 minutes

Corrections : Kurt Root arrival to meeting 8:24 pm instead of 8:45pm

Motion to accept 7/2/14 meeting minutes by Kurt Williams , Seconded Tim Wheeler: Vote: 7 favor , 1 abstention

Public comment-

Jake Rosentein ... AAU 13 fall baseball team representative looking for use of Walker 8/22 to Mid October. Games to be Friday/Saturday/ Sunday and looking to secure one day each weekend for game at Walker. Team is part of the Central Connecticut Fall Baseball League consisting of approx 30 communities. Winsted team currently has 12 committed players (6-7 players from Winsted), 1 Canaan,1 Colebrook, 1 Torrington, 2 Barkhamsted at this time. Goal of this league is to develop transition from Little league diamond to Larger Diamond. Cost per player is approx. \$200 and league fees are expected to be \$1500 over the 8 weeks. League has its own insurance. Coaches for team are expected to be Jake, Donny Crossman, Evert Weed and DJ Reese. Based on board member input and past soccer schedules it appears that best time slot for games would be Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm.

Motion to accept program with usage fee of \$125.00 by KurtWilliams , seconded by Diane Ransom; Vote : Unanimous

Jake will submit player roster ,coaches and proof of insurance to Tayna. Additionally once league schedule is published Jake will forward to Tayna.

Agenda Review:-

Field Skinning ... Brian Shaughnessy... Add to 7A

Elks Soccer Shoot out.. Brian Shaughnessy... New Business

Community Theatre... George Mills... New Business

Fall FoliageTayna Risucci... Director Report

Chairman's report

Director becoming acclimated but requires all board members support as much as possible

Directors report - Tanya Risucci**Highland lake Beach update**

- Beaches are in better shape since DPW addressed bee issue at Holland beach
- Port a potty was flipped over at Holland beach
- Life guards will be returning to college over the next 2 weeks so there will be no guard son duty the last 2 weeks of August.

Summer Playground Update

- VFW cook out scheduled for 8/7 11:30 am all welcomed.
- Camp is scheduled to end 8/15 .
- Averaging 25-30 kids/day. Appears that program is financially self- sustaining.
- Consular evaluations have been conducted.

Fall Foliage – Tanya has talked to Friends of Main St and event is slated for 1st weekend of October. Tanya looking for ideas and of what level of Rec participation has gone into past years .

Program Updates:**Youth Baseball: Kurt Williams :**

- Field skinning of Rowely front for Girls softball will occur late October which matches desired option presented by Jim Welcome to hopefully utilize grass from infield to repair soccer divets on other fields.
- LL travel team went undefeated at Farmington Linquist Tournament. WYBL did impose a 2 game suspension (1 game during tournament, 1 game TBD next season) on 3 coaches for improper handling of fundraising event and purchase of uniforms/hats with fundraising dollars without approval of WYBL. Tournament game suspension was served by all coaches. WYBL is requesting return of uniforms for use next year but is unsure if they will receive them back at this time.

Mens Softball: Kurt Root

- Playoffs have started and should conclude by 8/12
- Checks for umpires have been cut and are out for delivery
- Registrations are being taken for Fall League at this time.

Youth Soccer:

- Registration nights have been completed in July. Late registrations are still being accepted on website with a late fee. Hope to have schedule by end of August

Flag Football: Brian Shaughnessy

Brian needs financial statement form to officially submit to board.

New Business:

Brian Shaughnessy- ELKS Soccer Shootout : Spoke with Tom Matthews of ELKS . Shoot out will be Saturday Oct 4th. Looking for Walker Field time for event. Gilbert Boys/Girls soccer team will assist.

George Mills – Community Theatre.. Exploring possible future opportunities regarding this subject.

Board Officer Election: Election proceedings' conducted by Kurt Williams

Secretary position:

Brian Shaughnessy: Withdrawing name from consideration

Motion for Vote for candidate : Jim DiVita seconded by Brian Shaughnessy

Kurt Williams : 8 favor 1 abstained.

Kurt Williams Board Secretary for 2014-2014 term

Vice Chairman Position

Motion for Vote for candidate : Tim Wheeler seconded by George Mills

Diane Ransom: 8 favor 1 abstained.

Diane Ransom Board Vice Chairman for 2014-2015 term

Chairman Position:

Kurt Root: Withdrawing name from consideration

Paper Ballot Results

Jim DiVita : 9

Kurt Williams : 0

Jim DiVita Board Chairman for 2014-2015 term

Adjourn @ 8:21 pm ; Motion by Ray Rabago , Second Tim Wheeler : Vote : Unanimous

Next Meeting September 3rd 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.