



“Our mission is to enhance, promote and support quality recreation facilities and opportunities for all residents of the community.”

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016**

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Chairman Stephen Bordua called the regular meeting of the Thompson Recreation Commission to order at 7:09 PM in Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Members Present: Cynthia Antos, Cathy Thomas, Robert Monahan, Thomas Jourdan, Kimberly Prescott, Stephen Bordua and Albert Lafleur.

Members absent: Jeanne Dery and Sylvie Hanshaw.

Staff Present: Audrey Witkowski and Angela Hachey.

Secretary’s Report

1. **Bob Monahan moved and Cindy Antos seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the June 29, 2016 special meeting with the following correction: under Treasurers Report, line B. Thoma should be Thomas.**

Cathy Thomas—yes; Robert Monahan—yes; Cindy Antos—yes; Al Lafleur—yes; Thomas Jourdan—yes; Kimberly Prescott—yes; Steve Bordua—yes.

The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

1. The General Fund Budget Report was reviewed.
 - a. Steve Bordua asked if this report was final. Angela Hachey reported that the bon fire is still incorrect.
2. The Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report was reviewed.
 - a. Cathy Thomas asked if the programs were split 50/50 between two fiscal years. Angela Hachey reported they are not. They are split with whatever is left after the first fiscal year.
 - b. The basketball camp coaches were overpaid last year. This is effecting this years budget to cover for the loss. This is Thompson’s year to host the basketball tournament. The commission suggested having the tournament sponsored.
 - c. The t-shirt costs for basketball camp, youth basketball and summer camp are close in cost despite higher enrollment in summer camp. Angela Hachey reported some campers reuse shirts from previous years.
 - d. The commission discussed the food budget for Purely Rec. The budget is correct.
 - e. Care for Kids funds have still not come in.
 - f. The commission discussed using surplus funds to increase financial aid for programs or decrease program fees.

Correspondence

1. Angela Hachey has been contacted by the Epact Emergency Network. Epact is a company for paperless medical forms. Angela Hachey will ask the surrounding towns if they are using Epact and ask Epact for an estimate for summer camp.

Director’s Report

1. Angela Hachey reviewed her report and answered questions.
 - a. An adult photography class has been scheduled. It will start with a basic intro class and progress from there.

- b. Al Lafleur asked about increasing the line dancing.
- c. The numbers for the July senior craft were low.
- d. Some of the summer band concerts had to be cancelled due to weather. This leaves funds in the budget. Cathy Thomas suggested a Christmas concert.
- e. Angela Hachey will look into ordinances about dogs in public parks.

Old Business

New Business

1. Adventure Camp:
 - a. Cindy Antos visited the summer camp and reported everything looked good other than the counselors covering their staff t-shirts. Angela Hachey said they have looked into getting them staff sweatshirts for cold days.
 - b. The commission would like Angela Hachey to look into the Connecticut laws for employee breaks.
 - c. The school uses the summer to do repairs and renovations to the school. The summer camp also uses it for bad weather days and ran into some issues with space availability. The commission suggested other locations to look into using.
2. The Quaddick State Park had a complaint about bus permits forcing the summer camp to use another location for the day. The drivers also typically leave for the day. The two buses are also supposed to stay at the state park with their drivers. Angela Hachey is going to meet with the Quaddick maintenance.
3. Angela Hachey has been learning to advocate between the coaches, refs and parents during winter basketball, but would preferably like to find an in-between person to fill this position with more knowledge of the sport.
4. Park Update:
 - a. There are plans for the possible restoration of the park behind Belding Corticelli in Grosvenordale.
 - b. The commission is interested in purchasing the portable mound for Riverside Park. A portable bubbler is also needed. The commission suggested looking into a skating rink for the winter.
 - c. The commission would like to possibly form a subcommittee to decide on the projects the community is most interested in pursuing.
5. Community Day is September 25.

Citizens' Comments

Announcements

1. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Room at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Bordua adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary