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**Cromwell Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting**

December 3, 2015

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Present: Commissioners Brenda Zeilor, William Konopka, Richard Nobile, Mark Carroll, Al Waters/Town Council Liaison, Recreation Supervisor Shelby Jones and Recreation Director Susan Schein.

Others Present: Mike Conant/Park Maintenance Supervisor

Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Brenda Zeilor

Approve/Amend Agenda: Motion was made by Mr. Carroll to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Konopka. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

November 5, 2015 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Mr. Nobile to approve the minutes of the Recreation Commission's November 5, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Konopka. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments:

None

Councilmen's Comments:

Director Schein advised commission members that Al Waters and Samantha Slade have been appointed as Town Council Liaison to the Recreation Commission.

Correspondence:

None

Program Report

Director Schein informed members that fall programs ended throughout the month of November and basketball has begun. Due to last minute registrations participation numbers are very high this year for this program. All teams have head coaches; however, assistant coaches are needed for some teams. Team practices started this week.

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Program Report (continued)

The informational meeting for Lacrosse will be held this Saturday, December 5th from 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Flyers for this program went out to the schools. Once a number can be determined on the interest to participate for lacrosse Director Schein and Supervisor Jones will sit down and figure if they will be able to support teams. This must be done in December in order to meet the deadline of January to the league. In the meantime, the Recreation Department has been coordinating with the High School program and has acquired the list of certified referees.

The Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th in the Town Hall from 11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Director advised that everything else is going well. The winter brochure is being worked on and will be going out to the schools prior to the Holiday break December 20th.

Discussion held regarding present Recreation Budget. Director Schein advised that she will be requesting authorization to hire a supervisor for the 8-weeks. This will be for the supervision of the Saturday basketball program. The permanent part-time staff that generally works is unable to work this session. However, she will be working the spring programs. Additional funds may be needed. All other aspects of the budget are fine.

Committee Report:

None

New Business:

Election of Officers at January Meeting: Director Schein reminded members that appointment renewals are done every two years. In the case of the Recreation Commission the renewals are on even number years.

It recently came to Director Schein's attention that the Town Charter now states that the Recreation Commission consists of "5" members. In the past the commission was made up of "9" members which allowed for the commission to have involvement of members of various ages and recreation interests. Prior to the next meeting Director Schein look into getting this matter clarified.

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Old Business:

Splashpad: Director Schein advised Commission Members that the plans to have the splash pad at Watrous Park are moving forward.

Presently a quote for \$66,000 has been received for all work except for the actual pieces. Director Schein has a call into the company supplying the piece (VORTEX) to confirm the original quote of \$50,000 has not gone up. The representative had been out of the office the past few days and will review the quote and get back to Director Schein to let he know if there will be any increases.

To date \$100,000 has been budgeted for the Splash Pad. With the present quotes the total is slightly over budget. Director Schein anticipates having to request an additional \$20,000. Brief discussion held.

Commission members were advised that bids are going out concerning a proposed major drainage project for the Watrous Park area. The project will include a retention pond which will be located directly behind the splash pad. If the project goes through it may provide the town with an ice skating rink. Discussion held.

Pierson Park Lights: No update at this time.

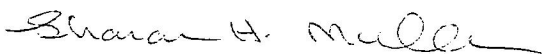
Commissioners Comments:

None

Adjournment:

Mr. Carroll made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Recreation Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Nobile. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon H. Muller
Clerk