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Cromwell Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2015

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Present: Commissioners Brenda Zeilor, Philip Gregory, John Schmaltz, Daniel Brisson, William Konopka, Richard Nobile, Mark Carroll, and Recreation Director Susan Schein.

Absent: Commissioners, Paul Cordone, Tony Amenta, Shelby Jones-Recreation Supervisor, Shirley Banic-T/C Liaison, and Al Waters-T/C Liaison.

Others Present: Mike Conant/Park Maintenance Supervisor

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Brenda Zeilor

Approve/Amend Agenda: Motion was made by Mr. Gregory to amend the agenda by adding Item 10b-2016 Meeting dates. Motion seconded by Mr. Brisson. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

September 3, 2015 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Mr. Gregory to approve the minutes of the Recreation Commission's September 3, 2015 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Konopka. Motion passed with Mr. Nobile, Mr. Brisson and Mr. Carroll abstaining.

Citizens Comments:

None

Councilmen's Comments:

None

Correspondence:

Letter of resignation received on October 15th from Mr. Amenta. Mr. Amenta thanked commission members for their work and wished the commission well.

Program Report

Director Schein advised Commission Members that the Fall Programs are coming to an end.

The Soccer Program ends this Saturday. The season went very well and only experienced one rain out. No major problems with this program.

The Mad Scientist Program participation is off the charts. An afternoon session of the new Art Camp that was held over the summer is doing very well. Preschool cooking participation is also off the charts.

Registration for basketball is presently being taken. Receipt of registration was slow up until the last few days. This year there will be more teams than last year. Boy's 7th & 8th Grade will have 3-teams. This is up from last year. Also, the 3rd & 4th grade is up to 8-teams. The basketball program will begin after Thanksgiving.

The one program that has not taken off is the Adult Fitness Program. Due to the poor interest participants are paying the instructor directly. Director Schein advised commission members that she will not be offering a session this winter.

At the present time the Recreation Department is in the planning stages for the Winter Programs.

Committee Report:

Mr. Gregory advised that the Dog Park Committee held a Pawsta Supper in which they made over \$2,000.

New Business:

Resignation of Tony Amenta: Mr. Amenta's resignation was covered under "Correspondence". Director Schein advised that a parent with a child who has disability has expressed their interest in joining the Recreation Commission. Director Schein has informed the parent as to steps to be taken.

2016 Meeting Dates: Motion was made by Mr. Nobile to set the 2016 Meeting Dates for the Recreation Commission on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of July & August which no meeting will be held. Motion seconded by Mr. Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously. (See attached for 2016 Meeting Dates)

Old Business:

Splashpad: Director Schein advised Commission Members that at a meeting of the Town Council the Director of Public Works, Louis Spina presented a proposal for the splash pad. Due to the costs involved for installation (electricity, water, site preparation, etc.) at Pierson Park the size of the splash pad would be significantly smaller than originally proposed.

Therefore the Director of Public Works was asked to look at Watrous Park. Director Schein asked when looking at Watrous Park that the rear of the park be considered in lieu of the front due to the high volume of activities that already take place in that area.

The splash pad company has come out and taken measurements. It was suggested that the splash pad be located over by the tennis courts. This location would take the splash pad out of the main flow of activities and allow it to be in a controlled environment. Presently prices are being calculated. Once the calculations are completed the company will return with their proposal. Director Schein estimates that they should hear back on the cost between mid-November to the beginning of December.

The company has placed Cromwell tentatively on their schedule for the early part of spring. The prime factor is to work within budgeted funds. Discussion held.

Pierson Park Lights: A request was received for permanent lighting for the Football Field at Pierson Park. Musco was contacted and came back with an estimate of \$175,000 +/- 10% for lights and installation. Discussion held regarding number of poles/lights, etc.

Should lighting be installed, Director Schein would like to see the entry way and parking lot done at the same time. Therefore, she inquired as to the cost and was given the estimate of \$120,000 +/- 10%.

Commission members inquired as to a time frame when lighting would be done. Until funding is determined (grants, donations, etc.) a time frame is not available. Additional discussion held regarding lighting. Members were advised that any concerns they have need to be addressed with the Town Council.

Commissioners Comments:

Mr. Brisson inquired on the proposed Lacrosse Program. Director Schein advised him that is presently being worked on and will be offered in the Spring. Cromwell will be in the Connecticut Valley Youth Lacrosse League. Mr. Jones, Recreation Supervisor is in the process of working on the programs details. Once he has ironed out all the details the divisions decided on.

Recreation Commission
October 5, 2015-Regular Meeting

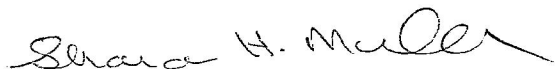
Commissioners Comments (continued):

Mr. Brisson inquired whether or not there is a problem with the bathrooms in the PBA building at Pierson Park. He personally has experienced the floors being flooded on more than one occasion. Mr. Conant asked when this occurred and advised commission members that there have been problems with the toilets being clogged with toilet paper causing the flooding. Park Maintenance cleans the bathrooms on a daily basis and floors are dry. Park Maintenance will monitor the situation.

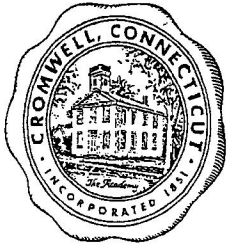
Adjournment:

Mr. Schmaltz 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon H. Muller".

Sharon H. Muller
Clerk



Town of Cromwell

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November 9, 2015

MEMO:

TO: Joan Ahlquist, Town Clerk
FROM: Susan Schein, Recreation Director
RE: Recreation Commission Meeting Dates 2016

The Cromwell Recreation Commission will meet on the following dates at 7:00PM in the Recreation Department Office, located in the basement of Cromwell Town Hall for the year 2016:

January 7, 2016

February 4, 2016

March 3, 2016

April 7, 2016

May 5, 2016

June 2, 2016

September 1, 2016

October 6, 2016

November 3, 2016

December 1, 2016