

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting January 22, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Lou Stamp at 5:29pm.

I. Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Al Centone, Bob Kowalewski, Frank Montagna, Chris Pagan,
Susan Puzycki, Mary Lou Stamp, Joan Walsh

Staff Present: Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation
Jennifer Klein, Secretary

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Joan Walsh made a motion to accept the Minutes of November 19, 2018, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.

III. Correspondence:

None.

IV. Director's Report

Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Sunday December 2, 2018. Hundreds of children and their parents enjoyed the festivities, which included face painting, cookie decorating, ornament making, refreshments and pictures with Santa. Since the Green was too soft, the hayrides were moved to the field behind the Recreation Center. Mark and Mary Minotti and students from North Haven Music Center entertained the crowd with a variety of Christmas carols. There was caroling on the Green led by the North Haven High School concert choir. The day culminated with the lighting of the tree on the Town Green.

Andy extended a special thanks to Mark and Mary Minotti for coordinating the entertainment, North Haven Knights of Columbus for providing hot chocolate, coffee and cookies, North Haven High School concert choir, St. Rita's chorus and students helping with the craft project, the staff from Coldwell Banker Real Estate for volunteering their time and members of the Corinthian Lodge for providing the CTCHIP program.

Bob Kowalewski commented that there was no sound system for the lighting of the tree. Andy explained that due to the weather the sound system was not set up. He is looking at other options for the future so that this does not happen again.

Open basketball for men 18 and older continues on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Ridge Road through April 4, 2019 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Winter recreation and pool programs have begun.

The summer employment program continues. Recreation began accepting applications on Monday December 10th. Applications will close at 4:30 p.m. on March 15, 2019. At that time they will interview all the new applicants and fill the vacant spots. These positions are for camp counselors.

Planning continues for the Easter event which is scheduled for Saturday April 13, 2019. The event will run from 10:30 – 12:00. There will be pictures with the Easter Bunny, craft stations, raffles prizes and entertainment.

The planning for the adult softball league is underway. League play will be on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesdays will be used for make ups if needed. Registration begins the first week of March. Play begins April 8th.

Planning continues for summer concerts, playgrounds, day camp and sport camps. Summer camps will run June 24th through August 2nd. A 6 week summer program will be offered. Concerts will run 13 weeks beginning June 4th and conclude on August 27th.

Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works

Board of Education (BOE) Volleyball commenced their Fall Season on August 23, 2018 at the Fred Kelly Gymnasium and continue this month.

Board of Education (BOE) Varsity Swimming commenced its Fall season on November 26, 2018 at the Walter Gawrych Community Pool and continue this month.

Construction Updates

Vanacore Concession, Meeting and Bathroom Facility

On October 26, 2018, a groundbreaking was held prior to the commencement of the Varsity Football home game. The event was well attended and a celebration for many of the stakeholders who have supported or continue to support the project's efforts occurred.

On Monday, November 5, 2018, construction began as K & W Construction of Derby commenced with site work, including tree and tree stump removal, foundation excavation, and bringing in potable water, sanitary sewer and overhead electrical utilities.

K & W Construction personnel continue to work with members of the New Haven Building Trades who have agreed to supply 'no cost' labor for work related to the concrete slab on grade and the building's 4,800 SF foundation. Concrete pours began on November 13, 2018 and continue.

Capasso Restoration of North Haven will begin their masonry block construction and wall work shortly after the slab on grade is completed, weather permitting.

The project is expected to conclude in the summer of 2019, weather permitting.

The project is funded through a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant and monitored by the State of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental protection (CT DEEP).

Ridge Road Elementary School Playground Improvement Project

On August 14, 2018, a Bid Opening was held and the Town awarded the contract to G.T. Landscape and Excavation, LLC. of Hamden for \$220,400.

Four (4) Change Orders were issued for the project to date, including (1) Poured-In-Place Rubberized Surfacing In-Lieu of Wood Fiber Mulch; (2) Install Play Component 'Merry-Go-All'; (3) Install Rocker Play Component; and (4) Install two (2) ADA Compliant Swings. The new Project total cost is \$274,900.

Most site work, with the exception of asphalt paving and the 'Poured-in-Place Rubberized Surfacing' is completed. Play components have been received and are being assembled on site. Assembly and installation with concrete foundations is expected to be completed over the next 2 – 3 weeks.

The project is expected to conclude in April – May 2019, weather permitting.

The Ridge Road Elementary School Project is funded solely through donations from the Quinnipiac University, Calare, North Haven Rotary, and the Ridge Road Elementary School PTA.

Community Bulletin Board and Upcoming Events (Calendar Year 2019):

- January 14th – 20th – St. Teresa Nursery School;
- February 18th - March 3rd - North Haven High School Musical;
- March 18th – March 24th –Earth Day Event – North Haven Conservation Commission;
- March 25th – March 31st – Shred Day Ridge Road Elementary School PTA;
- April 1st – April 28th – Child Abuse Prevention Month;
- May 6th – May 12th – North Haven Garden Club Annual May Market;
- September 9th – September 15th – US Wealth Management Shred Day;
- October 21st – October 27th – North Haven Congregational Church New England Fair; and
- October 28th – November 3rd – North Haven Senior Center Holiday Fair.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Public Participation:

Joan Walsh thanked Andy for lifeguarding when there are no lifeguards available to keep the pool open. She stated that the pool participants really appreciate his effort always.

VIII. Adjournment:

Chairman Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Al Centone, seconded by Susan Puzycki. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:30pm.