

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting March 18, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Lou Stamp at 5:27pm.

I. Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent: Al Centone

Staff Present: Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation
Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works
Jennifer Klein, Secretary

Andy informed the Commission members that Glenn Root has been hired as the new Pool Director.

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Susan Puzycki made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 22, 2019, seconded by Joan Walsh. All were in favor and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.

III. Correspondence:

None.

IV. Director's Report

Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation

The scheduling of fields for North Haven youth programs spring and summer seasons is under way. Andy is coordinating the field usage with the NHHS Athletic Director for the following groups for the use of Town and BOE fields: Max Sinoway, North Haven Girls' Softball League, North Haven Youth Lacrosse, North Haven Soccer Club, North Haven American Legion and Diamond Zone. Andy advised that he and John Bimonte have had productive meetings with the various groups concerning the sharing of field space.

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

The summer employment program continues. Recreation began accepting applications on Monday December 10th. Applications closed at 4:30p.m. on March 15, 2019. They will be interviewing all new applicants and will begin to 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.

Tuesday March 5th kicked off registration for adult softball leagues. Men's league play will be on Wednesdays. There are 12 teams signed for Wednesdays. Play begins April 10th. A coed league was offered on Monday nights. That is not going to go this year, but it will be offered again next year.

Planning continues for summer playgrounds, day camp and sport camps. Summer camps will run June 24th through August 2nd. A six week summer program will be offered.

Registration for Spring recreation and pool programs continues. Programs will begin March 23rd.

The Annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Sinoway Pond on Upper State Street. Check-in 6:15 – 7:00a.m. Fishing begins at 7:00. Fishing ends at 9:00. Presentation of awards and trophies is at 9:15.

The Summer brochure will be going to the printer next week. The brochures will be distributed to all the elementary schools in the next few weeks. Registration for summer begins on April 29, 2019.

Concerts will run 13 weeks beginning June 4th and conclude on August 27th. Andy distributed a copy of the line up to the Commission members.

Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works

Recreational Special Olympics has been scheduled for the Vanacore Field Track from March 17, 2019 through June 2, 2019 (Sundays only).

The American Legion – Junior and Senior Leagues has been scheduled for the North Haven Sports Complex (DeMayo Field) and Bailey Road field. Fields are needed from March 30, 2019 through mid - late June 2019.

North Haven Track (Runners) (BOE) have been scheduled for Vanacore Field Track from March 16 through June 8, 2019.

The North Haven Freshman / Middle Baseball / Junior Varsity Lacrosse (BOE) has been scheduled for Bailey Road field from March 16, 2019 through June 8, 2019.

The North Haven Softball – (Varsity & Junior varsity), Baseball (Varsity & Junior Varsity) and Junior Varsity Lacrosse (BOE) has been scheduled for Brook Field and the Sports Complex (including DeMayo Field) from March 16, 2019 through June 8, 2019.

The North Haven Boys and Girls Tennis (BOE) has been scheduled for the North Haven Sports Complex from March 16, 2019 through June 8, 2019.

The BOE High School Athletics continues to schedule the North and South Turf Fields for its sporting events from March 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

We are currently awaiting the schedules from Max Sinoway Baseball to be played at Montowese, Gateway, Green Acres, Clintonville School, Brook and Bailey Road fields. Various fields will be needed between March (weather permitting) through July, 2019.

Public Works Field Operations will support efforts for the Annual Easter Extravaganza scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon in the Recreation Center.

The North Haven Soccer Club has been scheduled for Memorial, Rock Road and Ridge Road fields. Fields are needed from April 6, 2019 through June 30, 2019 (and again in July and August included for Summer Soccer Camps).

The North Haven Girls' Softball has been scheduled for Gateway Fields 2 – 7. Fields are needed from March 22, 2019 through July 31, 2019.

On Saturday, April 20, 2019, the Vox Church will host an Easter Egg Hunt on the Town Green from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. This event is open to the public.

The North Haven Youth Lacrosse has been scheduled for the Aces, Vanacore, Recreation and Middle School fields. Fields are needed from March 25, 2019 through June 10, 2019.

The Diamond Zone 120 Baseball has been scheduled for Grover Wyman Park from March 30, 2019 through mid – late June 2019.

Public Works will support the efforts of the Annual Earth Day Celebration as sponsored by the North Haven Conservation Commission on Saturday, April 6, 2019 in the North Haven High School.

Adult Recreation Softball at the Gateway Complex and Grover Wyman fields. Fields are needed from April 8, 2019 through August 12, 2019.

The Annual Fishing Derby has been scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 6:30 A.M. to 10 A.M. at Chapman Sinoway Pond on Upper State Street.

Max Sinoway is hosting its annual Opening Day Festivities at Montowese Fields on April 27, 2019 at 9 A.M.

The Annual May Market has been scheduled for the North Haven Garden Club on the Town Green for Saturday, May 11, 2019.

The Annual Memorial Day Parade has been scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 2019, along the Town Center and Town Green.

The 2019 Annual Summer Concert Series (13 concerts this year) is scheduled to start Tuesday, June 4, 2019 and continue each Tuesday evening through August 27, 2019.

The North Haven Track Running Camp for Vanacore Field Track from July 8, 2019 through August 1, 2019.

The BOE Strength and Condition Camp on the Vanacore Field Track from July 1, 2019 through August 18, 2019.

The Recreation Special Olympics for Green Acres softball field (Wednesdays only) from July 10, 2019 through September 4, 2019.

The North Haven Youth Lacrosse Camp will be held for one week on the Recreation Center field during July, 2019.

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 completed their 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. Concrete pours for the slab on grade will resume when the weather permits.

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

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.

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 total Project 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, assembled and installed on site. The project is expected to conclude in April or 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 11th – February 17th – Pierpont Concert, North Haven Congregational Church;
- February 18th - March 3rd - North Haven High School Musical;
- March 4th – March 10th – Boy Scout Troop 811;
- March 11th – March 17th – St. John’s Church St. Patrick’s Day Dinner;
- 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;
- May 27th – June 2nd – Women’s Fellowship Tag Sale;
- June 3rd – June 9th – St. John’s Church Tag Sale;
- September 9th – September 15th – US Wealth Management Shred Day;
- October 21st – October 27th – North Haven Congregational Church New England Fair;
- October 28th – November 3rd – North Haven Senior Center Holiday Fair;
- November 11th – November 17th – St. John’s Church Holiday Fair;
- November 18th – November 24th – Clintonville PTA Holiday Bazar; and
- December 2 – December 8th - Clintonville PTA Holiday Bazar.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Public Participation:

Joan Walsh commented that she pays \$40.00 per year for her pool membership. She has looked at membership information for other pools. One was \$376.00 and another was \$400.00 per year. She stated not only is it a gorgeous pool, but it is well below other membership rates.

VIII. Adjournment:

Chairman Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Joan Walsh, seconded by Frank Montagna. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 5:30pm.