

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting May 20, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Lou Stamp at 5:31pm.

I. Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Al Centone, Frank Montagna, Chris Pagan,
Susan Puzycki, Mary Lou Stamp

Commissioners Absent: Bob Kowalewski, Joan Walsh

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

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Frank Montagna made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 18, 2019, seconded by Susan Puzycki. All were in favor and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.

III. Correspondence:

Lynn Sadosky received a request from Caity Steele on behalf of Kids for Kids, Dancing for Life to hold a Chalk-a-Thon event on the Town Green.

Lynn Sadosky received a request from Shawn Murray of Connecticut Compass Theatre Company to bring their production of William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night to the Town Green.

Lynn Sadosky received a request from Dave Mikos for Youth Football to host a Cow Plop Fundraiser at the Gateway Complex.

Lynn Sadosky received a request from Deidre Mitchell from Metro-North Railroad to set up a table at Music Under the Stars.

IV. Director's Report

Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation

The annual Easter Eggstravaganza was held Saturday April 13, 2019 at the Recreation Center. There was a huge turnout for the event. Everyone was entertained by Danny "Magic" Rodrigue. The winners of the Jellybean guess and the Raffle received a large stuffed animal bunny. At the conclusion of the show, each child received a balloon and a hefty bag of chocolate eggs.

The 26th Annual Fishing Derby took place on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Sinoway Pond on Upper State Street. Andy reported that the weather was less than perfect with periods of pouring rain. Those who attended had a great time. The numbers are still not what they use to be. They avoid conflicting with Opening Day for the youth leagues but the leagues still schedules games and practices. Andy gave a special thanks to the following for sponsoring and donating to the event: McDonald's of Washington Avenue, Dunkin' Donuts of Washington Avenue, Dairy Queen of Whitney Avenue, Double J. Sound, DJ's Comics and Cards, Southern CT Tackle, Town of North Haven Public Works Union and Fran's Learning Center.

Summer registration has begun for both recreation and pool programs. Camps begin June 24th.

Summer staff orientation will be held Friday June 7, 3:00 – 6:00pm.

Pool hours are changing as of June 24th for the summer.

Pool and Recreation Center maintenance has been scheduled. The pool will be closed August 5 - 18. It will be closed for two weeks. The Recreation Center will be closed for programs and meetings August 12 - 25. The gym floor will be refinished on August 29th and August 30th.

Adult Softball is a third of the way through its season.

Reminder: Music Under the Stars will begin on Tuesday June 4th and run through August 27th. The concert on June 4th begins at 6:00 pm.

Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works

Recreational Special Olympics continues on the Vanacore Field Track through June 2, 2019 (Sundays only).

The American Legion – Junior and Senior Leagues continues baseball at the North Haven Sports Complex (DeMayo Field) and Bailey Road fields. Fields are needed through late June 2019.

North Haven Track (Runners) (BOE) continues on the Vanacore Field Track through June 8, 2019.

The North Haven Freshman / Middle Baseball / Junior Varsity Lacrosse (BOE) continues play on Bailey Road Field through June 8, 2019.

The North Haven Softball – (Varsity & Junior varsity), Baseball (Varsity & Junior Varsity) and Junior Varsity Lacrosse (BOE) continues play on Brook Field and the Sports Complex (including DeMayo Field) through June 8, 2019.

The North Haven Boys and Girls Tennis (BOE) continues play at the North Haven Sports Complex through June 8, 2019.

The BOE High School Athletics continues play at the North and South Turf Fields for its

sporting events through June 30, 2019.

Max Sinoway Baseball continues baseball at Montowese, Gateway, Green Acres, Clintonville School, Brook and Bailey Road fields. Various fields are needed through July, 2019.

The North Haven Soccer Club continues soccer on the Memorial, Rock Road and Ridge Road fields. Fields are needed through June 30, 2019 (and again in July and August included for Summer Soccer Camps).

The North Haven Girls' Softball continues softball at Gateway Fields 2 – 7. Fields are needed through July 31, 2019.

The North Haven Youth Lacrosse team continues play at the Aces, Vanacore, Recreation and Middle School fields. Fields are needed through June 10, 2019.

The Diamond Zone 120 Baseball continues baseball at the Grover Wyman Park through mid – late June 2019.

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

The First Spring Festival as organized by Jill Dechello was held on the Town Green on May 4, 2019 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M..

The Annual May Market sponsored by the North Haven Garden Club was held on the Town Green on 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 Food Vendors for Music Under the Stars this year will be Joe's Ice Cream, J.Roos and the Masons. The Rotary of North Haven has decided not to participate this summer, but their place will be held for the future. Lynn has received a request from Nancy and Jared Cohen of 'Spuds Your Way.' They would have baked potatoes and grilled cheese. After discussion among the Commission, it was determined there would need to be stipulations to the approval that there is space for his truck with no damage to the sprinkler system, there is no noise coming from the truck running, and the electrical plug that is available is sufficient to run the truck. Chairman Stamp suggested that if it does not work out after the first concert, they would not be able to return. Susan Puzycski made a motion to approve the request with the stipulations, seconded by Frank Montagna. All were in favor.

On June 9, 2019, a Kids for Kids - Chalk-A-Thon "Dancing for Life" has been proposed on the Town Green by Caity Steele.

On June 14, 2019, the Elks Club and the Girl Scouts of North Haven are holding a tribute to Flag Day on the Town Green at 6:30 P.M. – all are welcome.

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

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

The Recreation Special Olympics has been scheduled on the Green Acres softball field (Wednesdays only) from July 10, 2019 through September 4, 2019.

On July 12, 2019, the Pond Hill Baptist Church is hosting its annual “Family Movie Night” on the Town Green.

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

On August 10 and 11, 2019 – the Connecticut Compass Theatre Company would like to request use of the Town Green or their production of William Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night.

On August 31, 2019, North Haven Youth Football Organization is proposing to host a Cow Plop Fundraiser on the Gateway Fields.

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, including the slab on grade, are completed.

Capasso Restoration of North Haven has all but completed their masonry block construction and wall work. To date only two interior bathroom walls remain for completion.

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 \$278,100.

The 'Grand Opening' of the Ridge Road Elementary School Playground Improvement Project was held on May 8, 2019. Over 500 students, teachers, parents and members of the public and press were in attendance. It was a very successful Opening.

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):

- 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;
- June 10th – June 16th – Feldman Orthodontics Charitable Event;
- September 9th – September 15th – US Wealth Management Shred Day;
- September 30th – October 6th – North Haven Ski Club Event;
- 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.

*The Community Bulletin Board is still under construction by the Department of Public Works - Division of Field Operations. It is expected that it will be completed by the end of June 2019.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

Meeting Dates: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting dates through November 2020 were reviewed by the Commission members. Susan Puzycki made a motion to accept the Parks and

Recreation Commission Meeting dates, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor and the dates were accepted unanimously.

Chalk-a-Thon event on the Town Green: Caity Steele on behalf of Kids for Kids, Dancing for Life has requested to have a Chalk-a-Thon on the Town Green as they have in the past. Following a discussion among the Commission, Al Centone made a motion to approve the request provided the date does not conflict with any other events, seconded by Frank Montagna. All were in favor.

Cow Plop Fundraiser at the Gateway Complex: A request was received from Dave Mikos for Youth Football to host a cow plop fundraiser on the Gateway Complex. The Commission discussed that they would be required to clean up after the event. Susan Puzycki made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor.

Metro-North TRACKS program request for table at Music Under the Stars: Deidre Mitchell requested to set up a table at Music Under the Stars again this year to provide information on the TRACKS program with Metro-North Railroad. Al Centone made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Susan Puzycki. All were in favor.

Production of William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night on the Town Green: Shawn Murray from Connecticut Compass Theatre Company (CCTC) requested to bring the upcoming production of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* to the Town Green. Chairman Stamp asked for a reference, which Shawn Murray has agreed to provide. Other requirements were discussed, such as the need for Police. Following discussion among the Commission, Susan Puzycki made a motion to accept the request provided they can meet the requirements, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor.

VII. Public Participation:

Shawn Murray and Kara Masi provided information regarding the Connecticut Compass Theatre Company and their request to bring their production of *Twelfth Night* to the Town Green on August 10th – 11th. He advised admission to the event is free.

VIII. Adjournment:

Chairman Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Frank Montagna, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 5:30pm.