

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting January 21, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Frank Montagna at 5:30 p.m.

I. Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Al Centone, Frank Montagna, Chris Pagan,
Susan Puzycki, Joan Walsh

Commissioners Absent: Bob Kowalewski, Mary Lou Stamp

Staff Present: Michael J. Freda, First Selectman
Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation
Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works
Jennifer Klein, Secretary

II. Election of Officers

First Selectman Michael Freda was present to address three orders of business: entertaining nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Frank Montagna made a motion to nominate Mary Lou Stamp as Chairman, seconded by Al Centone. Al Centone made a motion to nominate Frank Montagna as Vice Chairman, seconded by Susan Puzycki. Frank Montagna made a motion to nominate Al Centone as Secretary, seconded by Susan Puzycki. All were in favor of each nomination.

III. Acceptance of Minutes:

Susan Puzycki made a motion to accept the Minutes of November 18, 2019, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.

IV. Correspondence:

None.

V. Director's Report

Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Sunday December 8, 2019. Hundreds of children and their parents enjoyed the festivities, which included face painting, cookie decorating, ornament making, refreshments, pictures with Santa and hayrides around the Green. 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 and St. Rita's School chorus. The day culminated with the lighting of the tree on the Town Green.

Andy thanked Mark and Mary Minotti for coordinating the entertainment, North Haven Knights of Columbus for providing hot chocolate, coffee and cookies, The VOX Church for providing hot apple cider, 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.

Open basketball for men 18 and older continues on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Ridge Road through April 9, 2020 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Winter recreation and pool programs started January 4th.

The summer employment program continues. Recreation began accepting applications on Monday, December 9th. Applications will close at 4:30 p.m. on March 14th. 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 4, 2020. 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 Wednesdays. Tuesdays will be used for make ups if needed. Registration begins the first week of March. Play begins April 6th.

Planning continues for summer concerts, playgrounds, day camp and sport camps. Summer camps will run June 29th through August 7th. A six week summer program will be offered. Concerts will run 13 weeks beginning June 2nd and conclude on August 25th.

Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works

Board of Education (BOE) Cross Country commenced their Fall Season on August 22, 2019 at the Vanacore Track Complex and have concluded their program.

Board of Education (BOE) Volleyball commenced their Fall Season on August 29, 2019 at the Fred Kelly Gymnasium and have concluded their program.

Board of Education (BOE) Varsity Swimming commenced its Fall Season on August 29, 2019 at the Walter Gawrych Community Pool and have concluded their program.

Board of Education (BOE) Football commenced their Fall Season on the Middle School Practice Field on August 19, 2019 and have concluded their program.

Board of Education (BOE) Field Hockey commenced their Fall Season on August 29, 2019 at the DeMayo Athletic Complex and concluded their program.

Board of Education (BOE) Junior Varsity/Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer commenced their Fall season on August 29, 2019 at the Middle School Turf Fields and have concluded their program.

North Haven High School Boys Swimming commenced their program at the Walter Gawrych Community Pool on December 2nd and will continue through March 21, 2020.

On December 8th - North Haven Recreation – conducted the Town's Annual Tree Lighting ceremony.

Construction Updates

Vanacore Concession, Meeting and Bathroom Facility

In the Fall of 2019, the Carpenters Union and apprentices hung doors, installed most of the Hardie Board siding and installed locks to secure the facility. The Carpenters Union and their apprentices are scheduled to return shortly to hang the remainder of the Hardie Board siding and the roof soffit.

The Local Plumbing Unions and their apprentices completed the rough interior plumbing work needed. The final interior plumbing work will be completed in the Spring when warmer temperatures return and the water can be turned back on to the facility.

Also when warmer temperatures return, the painters will commence with the necessary painting of the interior of the structure (walls, ceilings and flooring).

The Local Electrician Unions and their apprentices have completed most of the final interior electrical work needed. In the Spring, the electricians will focus on transferring the electric services from the Vanacore Complex (old concession stand) to the new structure. This effort will be conducted simultaneously with work by the United Illuminating Company.

Also in the Spring, the existing concession structure will be demolished by Quality Associates and this should conclude the project.

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).

Community Bulletin Board and Upcoming Events (Calendar Year 2020):

- January 6th – 12th – St. Theresa Church, Open House;
- February 10th – 16th – North Haven High School (Play);
- February 17th – 23rd – North Haven Congregational Church Concert;
- February 24th – March 1st – North Haven High School (Play);
- March 9th – March 15th - Concert at North Haven High School;
- March 16th – 22nd – Ridge Road Elementary School PTA Event;
- March 23rd – 29th – Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce Event;
- March 30th – May 3rd – Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month;
- June 1st – 7th – North Haven Congregational Church;
- September 14th – 20th – US Wealth Management Shred Day for Residents;
- November 2nd – 8th – Senior Center Holiday Bazaar; and
- November 30th – December 6th – North Haven High School, Senior to Senior Breakfast.

VI. Old Business

Community Bulletin Board: The Commission had discussed at the November meeting that another Community Bulletin Board be put up on the Town Green due to the demand for the existing one. Following a brief discussion among the Commission, Lynn Sadosky stated she would gather information

on the price of the existing sign. This will be discussed at the next meeting so that a recommendation can be made to the First Selectman.

VII. New Business

None.

VIII. Public Participation:

None.

IX. Adjournment:

Vice Chairman Montagna asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Susan Puzycki, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.