

DRAFT MINUTES/UNAPPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Andrew DelVecchio, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting November 16, 2020

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held via a Zoom conference call on Monday, November 16th. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Al Centone, Frank Montagna, Susan Puzycki,
Mary Lou Stamp, Joan Walsh

Commissioners Absent: Bob Kowalewski, Chris Pagan

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 January 21, 2020, 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

All Spring, Summer and Fall programs were cancelled due to Covid 19.

The "Music Under the Stars" concert series ran July 21st – August 25th. The first seven concerts were cancelled. The remaining six were held at the North Haven Fairgrounds. The patrons stayed in their cars drive in movie style to see the show. The bands performed behind a fence 75 feet away from the cars. The patrons tuned into a designated radio station to hear the band. The weather cooperated and we had 4 out of 6 concerts. Attendance was 50 to 75 vehicles. Those who attended were very enthusiastic and appreciative. Andy thanked Police, Fire and Public Works for their assistance at each concert. He stated The Cast of Beatlemania, The Pop Rocks, 70's Rock & Roll Roadshow and Primetime put on fabulous shows.

The adult softball league ran July 1st – August 5th. It was an abbreviated season. Teams played twice a week instead of one to get all their games in.

The Pool opened July 13th with a new reservation system and restrictions.

Max Sinoway, Babe Ruth, American Legion and Diamond Zone all played this summer and are continuing this Fall.

Girls lacrosse played this summer.

Fall pool hours are now in effect.

North Haven High School Girl's Swimming started practice on August 31st. They will have only virtual meets this season.

The track lights are on at the Mike Vanacore Field. Lights will be on Monday through Thursday evenings, as weather permits, until November 19th.

Hamden North Haven Swim team started practice on July 20th Mon. – Fri. 5:30 - 6:30 PM.

The Halloween Party at the Recreation Center and the Trunk or Treat were cancelled.

A socially distant drive thru goodie bag event was offered on Saturday Oct.31st 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

The Tree Lighting will not be done in its normal capacity due to restrictions.

The North Haven Soccer Club and Girls Softball are playing this Fall.

Special Olympics bocce & swimming were put on hold due to new restrictions.

Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works

Town Green Event(s)

On August 25, 2020, a wedding ceremony (Dacey) was held on the Town Green.

On September 12, 2020, the North Haven Garden Club scheduled the use of the Town Green for its annual Plant sale – however, this event was later canceled.

On September 26, 2020, an afternoon wedding (Coppa) was scheduled at the Town Green Gazebo. However due to size (25+ guests) the wedding was moved to a different venue.

On October 16, 2020, a wedding (Rivera) was held at the Town Green Gazebo.

On October 17 – 18, 2020, the Spotlight Stage Company was scheduled to host a small, no-cost stage show on the Town Green amphitheater for the public. However, due to weather they were forced to reschedule.

On October 20, 2020, John McKnight, owner of McDonalds Restaurant in North Haven was honored on the Town Green by his corporate offices and some local dignitaries.

The 2020 North Haven Rotary Wine and Roses Event will be held on November 15, 2020 on the Town Green.

On November 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2020 – practices for the production of The ‘Nutcracker’ will be held on the Town Green Amphitheatre for the final production to be held on December 11, 12, and 13, 2020. The ‘rain/snow event dates’ are scheduled for December 19 and 20, 2020.

General Field and Athletic Programs

Board of Education (BOE) Cross Country commenced its Fall Season on August 29, 2020 at the Vanacore Track Complex. The season concluded on November 13, 2020.

Board of Education (BOE) Volleyball commenced its Fall Season on August 29, 2020 at the Fred Kelly Gymnasium. The season concluded on November 13, 2020.

Board of Education (BOE) Varsity Swimming commenced its Fall season on August 29, 2020 at the Walter Gawrych Community Pool. The season concluded on November 13, 2020.

Board of Education (BOE) Football commenced its Fall conditioning season on the Middle School Practice Field on August 29, 2020. The season concluded on November 13, 2020.

Board of Education (BOE) Field Hockey commenced its fall season on August 29, 2020 at the North Haven Middle School Turf Field. The season concluded on November 13, 2020.

Board of Education (BOE) Junior Varsity/Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer commenced their Fall season in August 29, 2020 at the Middle School Turf Fields. The season concluded on November 13, 2020.

Max Sinoway Baseball concluded its Fall season in October 2020 on Montowese Fields 1 – 4.

North Haven Fall Baseball and Softball - Coach Tim Binkoski, Diamond Zone, concluded his Fall season on Bailey Road for practices and games in October 2020.

North Haven Girls’ Softball concluded its Fall season in October 2020.

North Haven Soccer Club continues with its Fall season at Grover Wyman, Ridge Road and Memorial Fields. Their season will conclude this month.

Project 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.

K + W also completed some of the final site grading surrounding the new structure.

Capasso Restoration of North Haven completed their masonry block construction and wall work.

In 2019, roof shingles had been installed by the Local Roofers Union. The Carpenters Union had hung doors, Hardie Board siding, and installed locks to secure the facility. Now that the facility is secured, the Local Plumbers and Electricians Unions and their apprentices will re-enter the facility and perform the final plumbing and electrical work needed for the facility (some trades have started this week).

Windows were installed and Insulation was completed in mid-October, 2020.

During the week of October 26, 2020, Createscapes Construction (Dave Ferraiuolo and staff) donated time and materials to prepare the site for the relocation of the existing electrical lines to be moved by John Bellamere and the Electrical Trades Union. On November 13, 2020, relocation of the existing electrical lines were being moved by John Bellamere and the Electrical Trades Union personnel.

Jeff Wolcheski of the carpenters Union along with Sean Daly will be installing the plywood ceilings and completing the finished electrical inside the structure to be followed by finished plumbing this November 2020.

Lastly, the existing structure will be demolished by Quality Associates.

The project is expected to conclude in late 2020, 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).

Green Acres Elementary School Kindergarten Playscape Project

On October 19, 2020, the Director of Public Works met with the School Principal and the Director of School Curriculum at the Green Acres Elementary School. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the condition of the existing Kindergarten playscapes, their possible removal and ultimately, their replacement with new playscapes equipment.

Due to the condition and observed safety concerns, the existing Kindergarten playscape(s), including all equipment, were removed on November 6, 2020 by Public Works Field Operations.

A meeting has been scheduled for November 16, 2020, between the Elementary School, Public Works and engineering design professionals - Weston and Sampson to solicit design needs and associate project costs for Kindergarten replacement playscapes. Once a Project Scope has been developed and agreed upon, cost estimates will be developed and fund-raising efforts will be planned.

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

- September 7th – September 13th – North Haven Rotary’s Annual Wine and Roses Event;
- September 14th – September 20th –U.S. Wealth Management Shred Event;
- September 21st – September 27th – New Haven County Credit Union Event;
- September 28th – October 25th – North Haven Rotary Multiple Events;
- October 26th –November 1st – St. John’s Church for Holiday Fair;
- November 2nd – November 8th – North Haven Senior Center Holiday Fair;
- November 30th –December 6th – North Haven High School Senior to Senior Breakfast;
- December 7th – December 20th - Sacred Heart of Jesus Daycare Event.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

Appoint one member to Open Space Advisory Committee: Al Centone made a motion to nominate Mary Lou Stamp as the representative for the Open Space Advisory Committee, seconded by Frank Montagna. All were in favor.

VII. Public Participation:

None

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 5:49 p.m.

In observation of Martin Luther King Day, the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will take place on ***Tuesday***, January 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.