

**Recreation Commission Meeting
April 26th, 2016**

Hunt Recreation Center

Pursuant to a notice duly posted with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Recreation Commission was held at the Hunt Recreation Center on Tuesday, April 26th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Susanne Jarnryd, Peter Ward, Peter Hunter, & Jim Richardson. Also present were Beede General Manager, Jon Straggas, and Programs and Events Manager, Zachary Vaillette. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Jarnryd at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from December 1st, 2015

- Mr. Hunter amended the third bullet of New Business from the December minutes to read “would help in providing the Town” rather than, “would provide the Town”.
- Ms. Jarnryd motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Hunter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from March 22nd, 2016

- Mr. Hunter motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Operations Report

Program Report

Zachary Vaillette reported:

- First Bubble Soccer Tournament was held on April 10th at Emerson Field. 14 total teams and 64 individuals participated in this unique event.
- Camp enrollment numbers are down overall in comparison to the last several years. The Recreation Department’s summer camp programs have gone through a rebranding. The goal of Three Rivers Camp is to offer an exciting and desirable product. Both more curriculum for campers and staff training for counselors will be implemented.
- Stowe Street Block Party will be held on May 21st on Stow Street. This free community event that features numerous activities for all ages. A section of Stow Street will close for the afternoon and will become home to an event that features food, music, games, raffles, and more. We aim to help promote local businesses, farmers, and artists. Each will have the opportunity to set up a table and sell their products to the community. Our Touch a Truck will also be incorporated into this event. Admission is free for all, but some activities will cost a small fee.
- The Community Yard Sale was originally planned for May 14th. Discussed the possibility of moving in to June 11th due to the Drop Off, Swap Off.
- Other upcoming program include the Game Night, Tennis Programs, 7th Grade Dance, Bubble Soccer League, Golf Programs, Softball, Minuteman Classic Road Race, Skyhawk’s Clinics, Summer Musical Theater Programs, Summer Patriot Sports Clinics.

Beede Update

Jon Straggas reported:

- Carousel's enrollments began in January and are consistent with previous years.
- After School and Before School registration began on March 1st. New policies have been put into place to encourage early registrations. Last year, 60-70% of registrations occurred two weeks before the start of the program, which created a logistical nightmare. The programs will not be accepting registrations during that time this year.
- The amount of Beede monthly renew memberships coming in has been consistent to years past. New memberships are significantly down from last year. The topic of whether Beede memberships are overpriced has been discussed and what should be included in a membership. In comparison or cheaper to other fitness clubs in the geographical area.
- Aquatics and Fitness spring program enrollments are well underway. Only several classes were canceled due to low enrollment. The summer class enrollment begins online on May 30th.
- The Emerson pool is up and running. Aquatics has been seeking summer staff and preparing for the Board of Health Inspection.

Old Business

Zachary Vaillette reported:

- The resurfacing of the Rideout Tennis courts began. Sports Tek is the company responsible for the project and have installed new tennis nets and posts. The Concord DPW is set to place a crane on the courts to remove trees before the resurfacing. The resurfacing and painting of the courts is scheduled to take place the first week of May.

New Business

Jon Straggas reported:

- Ryan Kane has been named as Concord Recreation's newest Director. Ryan comes from the South Windsor Parks and Recreation Department, whom he was with for over 15 years. Ryan brings a great deal of experience and passion to the department. He will begin working fulltime beginning on May 23rd.
- The search for the new Assistant Recreation Director is underway. The process is currently in the interview stage and a decision will be made soon.
- Both Ms. Jarnryd and Mr. Richardson's terms on the Recreation Commission end on May 31st. Two new members will be added to the Commission at the appointment of the Town Manager. As Commission Chair, Ms. Jarnryd proposed Mr. Hunter to take over. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and all were in favor. Peter Hunter now holds the chair for the Recreation Commission

Mr. Hunter moved to adjourn and Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.