

**Town of Bridgewater, CT
Bridgewater Recreation Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting: March 22, 2012**

Call to Order: 7:07 PM

Attendees: Catherine Vikstrom, Justin Planz, Jo Gallagher, John Flaxman, Heidi Verdi
Guest: Michelle Brown
Absent: Jim Moker, Julie Stuart

Minutes: Justin Planz motioned to approve minutes of March 1st. John second. Approved.

Correspondence: None

Coordinator's Report: None

Old Business:

Baseball/softball fields: Fourth load of clay for fields pre-approved by email. Jo Gallagher motioned to formally approve 4th load of clay, John Flaxman second. A full time employee with specific duties may be helpful with field and court care.

Disposition of Bridgewater Basketball Club funds: Jim Moker must be present for this discussion. This will be placed on next agenda meeting.

Egg Hunt: This is being provided by The Grange on April 7th. Some suggestions from parents in town have been made to reformat the egg hunt by separating the older children from the younger children. Catherine will address with Grange director.

Mary Allen Memorial: An update by Julie S. and Jim M. at the next meeting.

Pavilion bathroom usage: The Shepaug Soccer Club would like access to these bathrooms during practices and games. The plan is to coordinate with Ann and discuss the schedule and cost with Selectman.

New Business

Tennis Instruction: David Bilmes is the Tennis Coach at Shepaug working with Michelle Brown to help develop a feeder program for children ages 6 - 10 at Burnham School, utilizing the support of Shepaug Tennis Team students during the off season, summer and fall 2012. The coach along with Michelle would like to see the use of the new tennis courts to help expand the tennis program to the younger children in our town. Quick Start is a program designed by the USTA for children under the age of 10 however, the courts in town are not lined for this specific type of program. The tennis instruction could be offered as an after school event and/or part of the summer Rec program. Dawn McNutt could be a useful contact for finding an instructor. Michelle will also speak to David for instructor. The Rec department owns child sized tennis

racquets and a hopper for instruction. Michelle will begin the process of finding an instructor and report back to Catherine V.

Court Opener/event:

Cathy V. motioned to host Ribbon Cutting Ceremony after Egg Hunt on April 7th, Justin P. second. The Selectmen and/or John Flaxman will cut the Ribbon. A Round-Robin Event was discussed as well by Catherine V. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Summer Camp Dates:

Catherine V. suggested the camp begin after the week of July 4th due to family vacations etc. The new dates will be July 9th through August 3rd. Jo Gallagher made a motion to accept the dates, John second. Approved.

Motion to adjourn by Jo Gallagher, John Flaxman second.

Adjournment: 8:00 PM

Next meeting date: April 26, 2012