

MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, HELD AT THE TOWN BEACH HOUSE, ON AUGUST 26, 2015, AT 7:30 P.M.

Present: Joei Grudzinski, Chairman; Ed Butt, Bryan Chnowski, Tony Tomaino, Renee Santiago. Dennis DiPinto, Director; Elaine Rajcula, Secretary.

Absent: Sara Kincade, Rob Blick.

Minutes of the June, 2015 Meeting were, held over to the next meeting upon a motion made by T. Tomaino, seconded by E. Butt. Passed.

Correspondence – None.

Recreation Supervisor's Report – Mary Knox. Mr. DiPinto stated that beach pass holders all received a \$15.00 refund due to the delayed opening of the facility. The Beach opened two weeks later than anticipated, however all programs did happen despite the challenges presented.

Parks Supervisor's Report – Chris Rabuse – July/August – Mr. Rabuse report was reviewed by the Commission members for work Completed or in Progress. Said report of completed work is on file in the office of the Parks & Recreation. Future work includes aeration and overseeding of sports fields, aerating, over-seeding; Soil samples of all fields, including Kids' Kingdom and Town Park; starting improvement of turf areas surrounding new Cadigan field complex. Snow needs; weekly trash pickup 2 – 3 times per week. Sports field/trail maintenance, library landscape plan and start to front of building improvements, brush hogging, synthetic field maintenance, trail maintenance and plan out Town Hall softball field renovation. Mr. DiPinto stated he had hired four seasonal staff to work June through early August.

Monthly Financial Report – D. DiPinto stated no report available. It's in good shape. Next month will bring it up to date.

Policies/Goals/Budget - A motion made by Bryan Chnowsky to table this subject until the next meeting. Seconded by E. Butt. Passed.

Parks Self-Sustaining Fund Balance – Approximately \$80,000 remains for the construction of the basketball court at the beach and future playground for the beach and/or Cadigan Park.

Greenway Update – D. DiPinto stated construction began on July 13 and the first layer of stone is currently being put down throughout the Path. There will be a meeting with the Project Team every other Wednesday for the duration of the project. The Environmental Studies are completed. The Bridge should be in place before snowfall. Project completion should be by mid-June of 2016.

Parks Revitalization, Phase 1 – D. DiPinto - Beach construction at about 90%. Site work almost completed. The Beach House is in the process of being landscaped. A flag pole is on order. Bathrooms are opened. There is a new handicap drop off area on the beach side. Discussion was held concerning the rental of the building. He asked the Commission members to think about establishing policy for the eventual renting of the facility and to do some research on how other Towns handle renting their buildings. The Commission agreed to do so.

Cadigan Basketball & Tennis Useage – D. DiPinto – No update on Tennis courts at this time. The Basketball Courts were being used by out-of-town people. The Commission agreed to keep an eye on this issue and for the Dept. to post signs limiting full court play.

Election of Officers –The election of officers has been tabled and to be put the Agenda for next meeting, upon a motion made by Bryan Chnowski, seconded by Tony Tomaino. Passed.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Ed Butt, seconded by Tony Tomaino. to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Passed.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARK & RECREATION WILL BE ON

SEPTEMBER 23, 2015, AT 7:30 P.M. AT TOWN HAL

**If you cannot attend this meeting, please call the Parks
& Recreation Office.**