

MEETING MINUTES

Colchester Parks & Recreation Commission
April 6, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Room 3

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Members Present: C. Ferrante, N. Kaplan, L. Dimock, D. O'Brien, K. Moody, E. Kundahl

Others Present: P. McDowell, J. Henderson

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ferrante called the April 6, 2015 meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Citizen's Comments

None

3. Acceptance of Minutes: March 2, 2015

E. Kundahl MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting. SECONDED by K. Moody. N. Kaplan and L. Dimock ABSTAINED. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Reading of Correspondence

None

5. Committee Reports

- Facilities -- Discussion was had concerning Youth Lacrosse planning to hold practice on 5B beginning April 7, 2015. C. Ferrante confirmed that the fields will open no sooner than April 13th and this information has been conveyed to Youth Lacrosse. No practices will be permitted on fields until permits are issued. Colchester Youth Football would like to fund field repairs on R8 prior to their 2015 season. Commission expressed support and requested a more formal proposal be brought to the next meeting so recommendations for closure of R8 can be made. C. Ferrante reported the repairs to the spray park are going out to bid and special appropriations will be necessary to fund the project. J. Paggioli has requested a list of sport leagues requiring light codes for the spring/summer season. C. Ferrante reported the First Selectman is currently reviewing the language that needs to be included in the field permit requests concerning the leash requirements on R8.
- Finance/Administration -- none
- Programs -- none
- BOS Liaison -- none
- BOF Liaison -- none
- BOE Liaison -- none

6. Discussion and Possible Action on the Endorsement renewal for Women's Softball

C. Ferrante presented a completed endorsement application from Women's Softball for review. K. Moody MOTIONED to approve the Endorsement Renewal for Women's Softball, SECONDED by E. Kundahl. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on the Athletic Field Status Report

Written report submitted for review and discussion. Report details current soil test results and observations of R2, R7 and R8 from J. Henderson and J. Campbell, Department of Plant Science and

Landscape Architecture at the University of Connecticut. Included are suggestions regarding improvement and future management. After discussion among the commission, Chairman Ferrante made the recommendation to form the Field Sustainability Task Force, co-chaired by J. Henderson and E. Kundahl. The focus of the task force shall be to evaluate the recommendations contained in the Department of Plant Science report, determine short and long term field management goals and investigate sources of funding. The task force will report to the Parks and Recreation Commission each month. P. McDowell and C. Ferrante volunteered to serve on the task force.

8. Recreation Supervisor's Report

Written report distributed for review. N. Kaplan MOTIONED to accept the Recreation Supervisor's Report. SECONDED by E. Kundahl. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Recreation Manager's Report

Written report distributed for review. E. Kundahl MOTIONED to accept the Recreation Manager's Report. SECONDED by D. O'Brien. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

10. General Comments

None

11. Adjournment

K. Moody MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. SECONDED by D. O'Brien. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynette Dimock
Parks & Recreation Commission Secretary