

Meeting Minutes
Colchester Parks & Recreation Commission
March 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Colchester Town Hall, 1st Selectman's Board Room

Members Present: C. Ferrante, E. Kundahl, F. Ricci, D. O'Brien, N. Kaplan, T. Loskant
Others Present: J. Lefler, P. McDowell, D. Dander, R. Tanguay

1. Call to order

Chairman Ferrante called the March 7, 2016 meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

None

3. Citizen's Comments

None

4. Acceptance of Minutes: Feb 1, 2016

E, Kundahl MOTIONED to approve the minutes for the February 1, 2016 meeting, SECONDED by N. Kaplan. All members present voted in favor. C. Ferrante ABSTAINED

5. Reading of Correspondence

David Dander w/ New England Soft Serve sent a letter with more questions regarding RFP's and if that would be amended to reflect that changes that were recently put into place. F. Ricci stated that anyone who received an RFP already should be sent a letter of clarification.

6. Committee Reports

- **Facilities/Field Sustainability Task Force**-Meeting was prior to this one. Jason Henderson from UCONN spoke about his review of the fields. Meeting date was set for the following month at 5:30
- **Finance/Administration**-None
- **Programs**-None
- **BOS Liaison**-Not Present
- **BOF Liaison**-Not Present
- **BOE Liaison**-Not Present
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7. Discussion and Possible Action on the RFP for Ice Cream at the Concerts and Food Fest-New England Soft Serve submitted a bid for the Ice Cream at the Concerts. F. Ricci MOTIONED to accept the bid and T. Loskant SECONDED An application for the Food Festival was also put in. F. Ricci MOTIONED to accept the bid for the Food Festival and D. O'Brien SECONDED. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on the Sport League Endorsement Policies-The policies were reviewed. A couple more changes were suggested. The members requested that any further copies be sent via e-mail for review prior to the meeting so the meetings can be used for approval of the document rather than changes. NO ACTION

- 9. Discussion and Possible Action on the Sport League Endorsement Applications-**Application for the Colchester Cougars Youth Football was reviewed. N. Kaplan MOTIONED to endorse the league and T. Loskant SECONDED the motion. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
CT Stars submitted an application for endorsement. Questions were presented about if other AAU leagues paid for the use of the gyms. Members feel the application is vague. They are looking for a use period and want the team specified. Commission Members agreed to a Special Meeting later this month to finalize a decision. NO ACTION
- 10. Discussion and Possible Action on the Dog Park and Spring Bark for the Park Event-**Discussion ensued as to whether or not the Commission needs to approve this event. E. Kundahl MOTIONED to approve the Bark for the Park Event and was SECONDED by t. Loskant. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED
Commission Members questioned if Dog Park Committee needed to have members appointed. E. Kundahl MOTIONED to appoint Deb Marvin as Acting Chair for the sub-committee, and T. Loskant SECONDED. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED
- 11. Recreation Supervisor's Report-**J. Lefler read the Supervisors report. Beginner Dance classes have continued to have strong enrollment. Gymboree has completed its first session with great feedback from attendees. Sports Council met on 2/22. All reservation requests must be in by March 2nd. Summer Concerts of the Green planning has begun. A new event coordinating with Norwich, New London and Ledyard called Splash and Dash is currently being planned. This event will take place in June and will be held in Norwich. N. Kaplan MOTIONED to accept the report. E. Kundahl SECONDED. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED
- 12. Recreation Manager's Report-**No Report
- 13. Citizen's Comments-** R. Tanguay and The Society for Creative Anachronism were present for approval to use an indoor space for their historical fencing and armored combat practice. Discussion took place and was decided the group should talk with C. Preston about potentially become a program offered through Parks & Rec.
P. McDowell commented that dividers for the R8 Restrooms were donated and that J. Paggioli and his crew have done a wonderful job of painting them.
T. Loskant commented that she felt there were a few things that did not belong on tonight's agenda. She also restated that they would like to have things sent to them electronically so that there isn't much need for the papers to be printed for each meeting.
- 14. Adjournment-**E. Kundahl MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. SECONDED by T. Loskant. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED