

## April Minutes 2015

The regular monthly meeting for the Litchfield Parks and Recreation Commission for April was called to order by Lisa Bauer at 7:05 p.m. Also in attendance were Ed Fabbri, Helen Bunnell, Pam Orde, Ray Schmid, Jim Keller and Ann McCarthy were absent.

Ed Made a motion to accept the minutes from March, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Ray and the motion carried.

The Monthly Budget Report was then made available to all commissioners to view.

Comment from the Public: None

Commissioner's Request: Ed wanted to get an update on Northfield Baseball Field project and Ray wanted to report on his progress with Town Beach. Pam had some information to share on East Litchfield potential for recreational fields. Those would be addressed later in the meeting.

**Correspondence:** None

### **Old Business:**

**Summer Camp** – Brent said that camp has now a definite start date of June 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said that most councilors were coming back but three have already replied that they will not be back this summer. Applications are being accepted and he is in the process of setting up interviews.

**Swim Lessons** - Brent reported that Wisdom House will again be the host of our swim lessons. The entire swim staff is coming back this summer.

### **New Business:**

**Archery** – Litchfield Park and Rec is joining forces with Northwest Sporting Goods of Winsted to present introduction to archery classes. The class is being shared with kids from Winsted Parks and Recreation. Litchfield has 6 children participating in the classes which begins on Wednesday.

**Concerts** – Brent said that the entire summer concert schedule is booked with bands as is the Block Party. Concerns arose about the lack of light at the new block party location and Brent is to look into finding some temporarily lighting for the event and contact the firemen about their beacon light.

The Commissioner's Requests were then entertained. Ed wanted to know where the Northfield Capital Project stood. Brent said he spoke with Jack and that the project is to move forward in Mid-May. Concerns arose from the commission that the 10-year plan is not being followed to the letter. Discussion ensued about the project. The commission wants the entire field re-built as specified in the plan. Brent will meet with Jack again with the concerns of the commission.

Pam was approached by members of East Litchfield Village Improvement Society about their lack of recreational fields and she will suggest they come to a future commission meeting and present their thoughts.

Ray has been trying to get the concrete block building demolished at Town Beach. He meet with Jack Healy and Mr. Healy said that there is some STEEP Grants monies available for the project but there was concern that those monies still being available, need to re-applied, what the conditions of the grant actually are and that point of contention has gone unanswered to this point. Ray will follow-up with Jack on Thursday. Ray also suggested switching from 2 regular Portable Toilets at Town Beach to one handicapped one, which could also be used as a changing room, if and when the block building is demolished.

Director's Report: Brent had emailed his report a few days earlier and all commissioner's had read it.

Adjournment: Ray moved the meeting be adjourned, Ed seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Brent Hawkins, Director  
Litchfield Parks and Recreation

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