

August 2017 Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Litchfield Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by chairman, Jim Keller at 7:00 p.m. on August 28. Also in attendance were: Lisa Bauer, Rob Gollow, Ray Schmid and Park and Rec Director, Brent Hawkins. Absent: Helen Bunnell, Ed Fabbri and Pam Orde.

Approval of minutes: Lisa moved to approve, Rob seconded and the motion passed.

Monthly Budget Report: Brent said the report was unavailable at present.

Comment from the Public: None.

Commissioner's Request: Ray – Capital projects: Brent said that one project has begun at Ripley Field as the fiber of the fence has been removed. H.I. Stone of Southbury has the project.

Town Beach – Ray thinks we need to take another look at the project as we may need to “dry dam” it to more effectively anchor of the boat launch. He asked the board's permission to meet with Raz Alexa and invite local contractors to the site and ask if they would be able to do the project and get a better handle on how much the project may cost. The board approved.

Old Business: Summer Camp – Brent said the camp was very successful. Even with Camp Director Katie Pratt having the unfortunate happen stance of breaking her foot on the very first day! The camp was well-attended and loaded with activities and field trips!!!

Wednesday Night Concerts are still happening with Stache performing this week after being rained out. Brent advised crowds from 350 to 600 or more have been in attendance. A group of local kids have joined together and offered their help in cleaning up the area after the concerts. They have named themselves the “Team Green”. The Commission suggested giving each of them a baseball cap to show our appreciation for their creativity and assistance.

Brent reported that running is really bringing in the people especially to the Thursday Night Cross Country races where we are getting 80 – 140 runners each week.

New Business: Lisa asked if Lee Losee, Borough Warden, had contacted Brent about the donation of an interactive musical equipment for Community Field. The Litchfield-Morris Rotary Club would like to donate money to create one. He has not, Lisa will contact Lee to get the information to Hawk.

Director's Report: Brent emailed the report to all commission members.

Adjournment: Rob moved to adjourn, Lisa seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42.