

March 2017 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Litchfield Parks and Recreation Commission for March was called to order at 7:01 p.m., on March 27, 2017 by Rob Gollow, sitting in for the absent Jim Keller. Also absent: Helen Bunnell. Present: Lisa Bauer, Ed Fabbri, Pam Orde, Ray Schmid and Rob Gollow along with Park and Rec Director, Brent Hawkins.

Approval of Minutes – Ray moved to approve the February minutes, Lisa seconded and the motion passed.

Monthly Budget Report – The Budget Report was available for all the commissioners to review.

Comment from the Public – None

Commissioner's Request – Ray: Northfield

Correspondence: Brent received a letter from the Litchfield Education Foundation inviting Park and Rec to set up a booth at their exhibition at the LHS Gym on April 22. The event is "Minds in Motion" and is to inform parents and children of the opportunities available in Litchfield. Brent will be there to represent Park and Rec and invites anyone on the board to attend with him. The object will be to promote Litchfield Park and Rec programs and activities for the summer.

Old Business: Senior Luncheon – Brent reported that the luncheon was a success with a new band being one of the highlights. The Survivor's Swing Band employs America's oldest still-performing professional musician. The band did a wonderful job and the seniors really enjoyed them and the luncheon prepared and served by OWTS students.

Basketball – The final games of the season were played over the weekend and the season and playoffs are over for the 2016-17 season. It was a fine year for the players.

3-4th grade clinics have also wrapped up for the season and all equipment recovered from the Forman School. Great job done by Rob Gollow, Sam Olmstead and the other dads helping out! A big shout out to the coaches!

Block Party – Brent was asked to appear before the Litchfield Borough Board to answer questions about both the Block Party and the Wednesday night concerts. The major concern was police coverage for the events. Brent has been asked to provide the Borough with Certificates of Liability from the Town for both the Block Party and for the Wednesday night concert series.

New Business -Spring and Summer Brochure – Brent said Lisa Beyer has been working on the latest edition of the brochure for about a month and we should soon have all the information needed to go to print. Once we are ready, he will contact the graphics department at OWTS to do the printing.

Community Field/Town Beach – The Capital Committee has okayed monies that Park and Rec asked for to use as improvements to the Boat Ramp and retaining wall at Town Beach and to make some modifications to Ripley Field in order to meet specifications for hosting Little League World Series tournament games. This still needs approval from the Board of Finance and the general population before the authorization is given that the money can be used for these improvements.

Northfield – Ray expressed the need to protect our investment at the Northfield Community Field, the new grass in particular. Commissioners all agreed and asked Hawk to contact lawn

maintenance specialists, with licenses for fertilizing, for suggestions as what is needed to do this. He will also request bids to accomplish this. The time to do this is short and it needs to complete by the end of April. Any remaining money in the account after the backstop has been installed should be used for this purpose.

Director's Report – Brent sent out his report by email and all members said they had received and read them.

Adjournment – Ray moved to adjourn, Ed seconded and all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by J. Brent Hawkins, Director