

## May 2017 Minutes

The May meeting of the Litchfield Park and Recreation commission was called to order at 7:07 p.m. on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> by chairman Jim Keller, also in attendance were Ray Schmid, Lisa Bauer, Pam Orde and director, Brent Hawkins.

**Approval of Minutes** – Pam moved to accept the minutes, Ray seconded and the motion carried.

**Monthly Budget Report** – The report was available for the commission to inspect.

**Comment from the Public** – None

**Commissioner's Request** – Pam – PayPal, Ray – Boat Ramp

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:** Spring and Summer Booklet – Brent said the booklet is out, has been distributed and is also on virtual backpack through the Litchfield Schools. OWTS students did the printing.

**Community Field /Town Beach** – Brent met with John Worthington, Litchfield Building Inspector and ADA Coordinator regarding a handicapped portable bathroom at Town Beach. John said it is possible but a few things have to be addressed and completed prior to its use. The items include moving the portable to the edge of the concrete of the former bath house and the filling of potholes with gravel leading up to the site.

Ray explained Brent and his meeting with Len Fasano and Raz Alexe about our pending projects at Community Field and Town Beach. We have a spending limit of approximately \$86,000. The projects include changing out of the dugouts, the new infield and a new outfield fence, the fixing of the boat ramp and retaining wall at Town Beach. He feels we may have to go back to request more money to complete the projects. The dugouts may be difficult to remove so the Commission asked Brent to contact local contractors for quotes/estimates to remove/restructure the structures. Ray has also contacted the State of CT questioning the method they will be using to redo the boat launch at Beverly's which will be to use the dry-dam method. Raz's opinion to that method is that it is very expensive but worthwhile in the end. Ray remains with questions about how the base of the boat ramp will be installed and how will it be held in place against the forces of the environment. More research needs to be done.

**Egg Hunt:** This year's Egg Hunt was successful. The date was changed from Good Friday to the Saturday prior to Easter. The date was changed without discussion with the Commission. Some commissioners received complaints about the date change and not being made aware of the change in a timely manner. The date of the hunt in 2018 will be discussed and set at an upcoming meeting.

**New Business:** The Thorne Academy of Dance contacted Hawk and offered to start a program with us: Irish Step Dancing classes. They will be held in the Bantam Gym starting in the fall with the start of the new school year according to Brent. They will offer several different levels of the discipline.

**Tri-Town:** Brent said that Tri-Town is doing well thus far in their care of the fields at Community Field. However they did have a cooler in the concession stand break down which is their responsibility to fix.

**Block Party** – The annual Block Party for the LHRR weekend is set for Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. with “The Renegades” providing the music. The band will set up under the race registration tent in the same location as the Wednesday night concerts. Concerns were raised about the safety of pedestrians crossing West Street and at the corner of South & Main Streets. Brent will address this with the police.

**Concerts on the Green** – The first one will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> with “Belle of the Fall” performing. A list of all performances was given to members.

**Summer Camp:** Pam advised the group that several parents question if it is possible to pay for programs via PayPal. Brent will check with the town treasurer, as they currently take credit payments, for information on the procedures needed to establish this for us also.

**Director’s Report:** April and May’s report for 2017 were both sent to the commission members by Brent through email.

**Adjournment:** Lisa moved to adjourn, Ray seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by J. Brent Hawkins