

# *Litchfield Parks & Recreation*

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Regular Meeting

Litchfield Park & Recreation Commission

April 30, 2018

**Call to Order:** Commission Chairman, Jim Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Lisa Bauer, Jim Keller, Alex Larson, Gianni Perugini, Ray Schmid, and director, Brent Hawkins

**Absent:** Helen Bunnell, Rob Gollow

**Approval of Minutes:** Ray moved to accept the minutes, second by Gianni. All Ayes. The motion passed.

**Monthly Budget Report:** The report was available at the meeting for all to review.

**Comment from the Public:** Gary Gilman, a Litchfield resident and Bantam native was in attendance to make sure the commission knew of his group's efforts to "Save the Bantam School." There is a meeting scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at LIS in the on-going odyssey of ownership of the Bantam School. Mr. Gilman thanked the commission for their attention and left the meeting.

**Commissioners' requests:** Ray: Town Beach, Gianni: 10 year plan.

**Correspondence:** Brent received a letter from a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at the Litchfield Montessori School in regards to permanently painting a Four Square court on the current basketball court in Northfield. Brent said he responded by contacting the Head of School, Cara Johnson and is happy to work together to make this a reality with the school and public works.

**Old Business:** Senior Luncheon- Brent reported that the luncheon went over well. The OWTS students prepared the food, members of their National Honor Society served as waiters and waitresses for the event. Ian Campbell was a hit as the entertainment and a group of seniors from Goshen Park and Rec came and enjoyed the festivities. In turn, Goshen will invite Litchfield seniors to attend their next event.

**The Easter Egg Hunt:** It was a soggy day, but the kids came in droves for the 3,000 eggs. It was estimated that 300 children came with baskets in hand for the fun. The Easter Bunny was there for photo opportunities for the parents and a candy guessing game from The Litchfield Candy Company was again a big hit. A young girl from Bantam won the candy!

**New Business: Summer Camps** – We have scheduled a basketball camp, Twisters' Baseball Camp, Tennis Camp and Filmmaking Camp all lined up for the summer. Our Summer Day Camp is set to open on June 26 as are swimming lessons.

**Duathlon:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Thrill in the Hills Duathlon is set for Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> with start and finish at the Litchfield High School. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. with the race starting at 8:00 a.m.

**The LHRR Block Party** has been booked and the local band, "The Loft" will be the headliners for the evening. The Block Party is Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

**Concerts on the Green:** All of the concerts are booked for the summer, and the first one is scheduled for the Wednesday after the LHRR, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner's Request: Town Beach - Ray** explained the Town Beach Boat Launch project is basically the same, with the "band aid" that DPW put on the ramp seemingly still working very well. Raz said the project will go out to bid in June and we can take a look at the specs.

**Gianni: 10 Year Plan** – Gianni suggested a review of the current 10 year plan. Brent will email the plan to all the members and it will be on May's agenda for discussion.

The members were reminded that since Memorial Day falls on the final Monday of the month, the meeting will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Director's Report:** Brent emailed his report to all of the commission on Friday.

**Adjournment:** Lisa moved to adjourn, Jim seconded, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by J. Brent Hawkins

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