

November 2015 Minutes

Meeting date: Nov. 30, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Brent Hawkins, Director at 7:03 p.m. Present were Lisa Bauer, Ed Fabbri, Jim Keller and Ray Schmid. Absent: Helen Bunnell and Pam Orde.

Approval of Minutes: Ray made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Lisa. The motion passed.

Monthly Budget Report: The report was available for each member to study.

Comment from the Public: None

Commissioner's Request: Ray requested an update on the fence to be installed at Community Field after he and Lisa presented it to the borough. And he wanted to know the attendance records of commission members.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Northfield Park – The commission had a special meeting at the park on Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. The possibility of moving the ball field was discussed as was drainage and the role that Connecticut Department of Transportation could play. Ed said he would contact the DOT about the drainage on Route 254. Jim believes there was an aerial topographic study done when the firehouse went in a few years ago and he thinks that may be the topo we would need to move forward with the project. The town attorney wrote an opinion that the language used when advertising for an engineering firm was broad enough to cover the engineering services for Northfield. The question of where the property lines are drawn and who owns what around the field was raised. Lisa was to find a map which would have our questions answered.

Basketball – Brent said that we have 6 teams in various leagues which will begin play this weekend. Schedules for the home games will be compiled by Jim and Brent and sent out to the coaches, referees and custodians.

Holiday Stroll – Hundreds of people came and enjoyed the night as Santa came to town with numerous family activities happening including ornament making, gingerbread cookie decorating, horse and buggy rides, a petting zoo, a huge group of carolers led by the musicians from Litchfield High School, and of course, the lighting of the tree for the Christmas season. Brent said it was the best he's seen. Many people thanked him for helping to put on this wonderful home town event!

Fence – Lisa said the borough has to wait for two weeks after the notice was published in the paper about the acceptance of the new fencing in case someone in the public objects. We should be able to erect the fence very soon without any hitches.

New Business: 2016 Meeting Dates were approved with the dates listed and Dec. 12th was selected over Dec. 19th. Ed made the motion and Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

Jingle Bell Run: Brent said the plans for the race are moving along well with volunteers being recruited, prizes assembled and the course re-measured and painted for the race. This year Greystone racing will use Chip timing to make the race more manageable.

Director's Report: The report was emailed to all members of the commission and all said they have read them.

Adjournment: Ray moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m. Ed seconded the motion. All voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

J. Brent Hawkins