

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

The Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in the conference room located at 3 Main Street in Newtown, CT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Marks, at 6:32 pm.

**Present:** Edward Marks, Patrick Barczak, Maureen Crick Owen, Linda Hess, Warren Spencer, PJ Yochum.

**Absent:** Vincent Yanni, Jr

**Staff Present:** Amy Mangold, Carl Samuelson, RoseAnn Reggiano

**Public:** Kendra Bobowick, The Newtown Bee

**Public Participation**

None

**Acceptance of Minutes**

**Motion:**

**Commissioner PJ Yochum made a motion to approve the Minutes from September 13, 2016, Commission Meeting. Commissioner Maureen Crick Owen seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.**

**Old Business**

- *Community Center Advisory Committee Update:*

Director Amy Mangold and Commissioner Maureen Crick Owen attended a Community Center Advisory committee meeting last week. There was discussion on an eight lane competition, zero entry pool proposed by the SFA. First Selectman Pat Llodra had suggested a second option of a recreation plan pool. Some of the committee members feel this second option would fit in the budget and allow for the exterior components of the Community Center to be completed as well. The First Selectman will be presenting the 2 options at the Board of Selectman meeting on October 17, 2016.

- *CIP planning and P&R priorities:*

The commission reviewed the list of suggested priorities from last year. Mr. Marks will redo the list and send out to the commission members. Mr. Marks has requested that each commissioner prioritize the list from 1 to 30. (1 being the most important in the commissioner's opinion and 30 being the least important). Mr. Marks will then calculate the results and share with the commission at November's meeting.

- *Parks and Recreation Surcharge Account Review:*

Tabled until November's meeting

**New Business**

*Approval of P&R 2017 Fees:*

Ms. Reggiano presented to the commission, the fees for *Summer 2017*.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Maureen Crick Owen made a motion to approve the summer 2017 fees as presented. Commissioner PJ Yochum seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. (Please see below summer 2017 fees)**

## Correspondence

None

## Chairman's Report

### Edward Marks, Chairman:

Mr. Samuelson had mentioned at last month's commission meeting that he noticed that there were items under the \$300,000 threshold added in the CIP. Mr. Marks went back to Bob Tait, Director of Finance, to ask about the qualifications of incorporating smaller financial projects into the CIP. Mr. Tait responded that the project limit is \$285.00 (0.25% of budget) and some of the items are close. There is a policy that is available to everyone to see. The recommendation would be that if there is a project that is close, to put it in the CIP.

## Director's Report

### Amy Mangold, Director of Parks and Recreation:

- Ms. Mangold is in the process of completing employee reviews.
- Ms. Mangold discussed with the commission the budget time table for the upcoming months.
- Ms. Mangold will be attending the BOS meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016, to answer any questions regarding the Community Center proposals.
- Ms. Mangold presented a magazine, "Natural Awakenings" to the commission. The magazine did an article on "Newtown's Fruit Trail Ripens; A Path Toward Global Restoration", by Andrew Mangold.
- George Duncan received a grant through the Cultural Arts Commission that will allow him to display photographs he has taken to document the process and progress of the Fruit Trail, which will be displayed in the Municipal Center in December.

### RoseAnn Reggiano, Assistant Director of Recreation:

- Ms. Reggiano represented Parks & Recreation booth a booth, at Destination Newtown on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> held at Edmond Town Hall. It was a successful event, attended by many. Ms. Reggiano had surveyed customers that had visited the table, on what activities they would like to see P&R host? The feedback was very valuable and complimentary.
- Ms. Reggiano met with Rebecca Osbourne, the new coordinator for the Rooster Run and Ian Hockley, Dylan's Wings to discuss combining the Rooster Run with the Duathlon Race.
- There was a "Learn to Play Pickleball" event held on Fairfield Hills campus on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 25 people attended. Instructor Jan Brown does a very good job in getting players involved and excited about pickleball.
- Adult drop in Volleyball will start this week at Sandy Hook School from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Ms. Reggiano is working with Sandy Hook School to coordinate more activities. Pickleball has been approved to use the gym at Sandy Hook School on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Newtown Parks and Recreation Winter Brochure will be coming out on December 1, 2016.
- Summer Day Camp will run from June 26, 2017 thru August 11, 2017. Non-resident Day Camp was added to the 2017 summer camp program.

### Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director of Parks:

- Mr. Samuelson explained to the commission that the department has lost another valued employee this past month, to a higher paying local municipality. The need to retain qualified staff grows constantly with increased responsibilities and changing laws requiring credentials for many of the facility operations. There has been discussion in trying to close the gap between departments and talking with the Unions.
- The bid opening for Dickinson Park parking lot work is next week and some materials have been ordered for playground repairs. Dickinson irrigation shut down and winterizations will take place in the next few weeks.
- Treadwell pool has been covered, although the one working pump is run a few times a week to keep the water in good shape until the weather is cooler. The irrigation work for the tennis court planting bed at Treadwell is underway and the seven trees have been planted. The balance of the plant material will be going in the next couple of weeks. The balance of the retaining wall block is all here; this work will start once fall sports are over at Treadwell Park.

- The Treadwell softball field has recovered from aeration and new seedlings are germinating nicely. There was more grub damage this year than usual due to such a late grub gestation all related to the dry season. It was decided to aerate and over seed more aggressively as opposed to chemically treating the grubs, as the damage had already been done.
- The Lion's Club had another much appreciated work day at Orchard Hill, clearing out invasive plant material and pruning trails.
- There will be grading work done on the ramp at Lake Lillinonah next week when the lake is lowered. The dock will be removed for the season as well.
- Ms. Mangold and Mr. Samuelson met with Christal Preszler, Community Development, to go over some bench locations for future installs. The Fairfield Hills Authority is looking for Parks and Recreation to plant 3 or 4 trees this year, which FFA will pay for. The Municipal Office Building lawn has been aerated and seeded, as have all of the athletic fields on campus.
- Construction of Glander Field 3 is ahead of schedule. The outfield has been aerated and reseeded. The staff is cleaning up and seeding the area behind the backstop now and will be working on the out of play areas for the next few weeks.
- The field at Oakview has been aerated and seeded and is in good shape. The field has fully recovered from aggressive aeration and is well used on weekends by youth soccer. The irrigation system will be winterized in the next few weeks.
- Walnut Tree Field is still showing the effects of a dry summer. It is in hopes that some of the fall moisture helps this field recover prior to the winter.
- Dock removal will begin this week at Eichler's Cove. Eichler's Cove parking lot bid opening is early next week.
- Winterization of the water features at the Dog Park will take place in the next few weeks.
- Mr. Samuelson will be attending the annual snow removal meeting with BOE and Highway. P&R continues to have an increase in snow removal responsibilities.

**Commissioners out and about:** Commissioner Patrick Barczak works for a company that encourages their employees to do community service. Mr. Barczak has gotten approval from his company to work on the Fruit Trail as part of his community service hours.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner PJ Yochum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Barczak, which was carried unanimously.**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm at 3 Main Street, Newtown, CT in the conference room.

Submitted by,

*Gabriella Chernoff, clerk*

## SUMMER 2017 DATES & FEES

### DAY CAMP:

Day Camp – 7 Weeks \**(No camp July 4th)*  
June 26<sup>th</sup> to August 11th

### Treadwell

**Newtown Resident:** \$160.00 per week  
Week of July 4<sup>th</sup>; only 4 days of camp Fee: \$130.00  
7 weeks fee: \$985.00  
**“NEW” Non-Resident:** \$220.00 per week  
Week of July 4<sup>th</sup>; only 4 days of camp fee: \$160.00

### Dickinson:

**Newtown Resident:** \$140.00 weekly  
Week of July 4<sup>th</sup>; only 4 days of camp Fee: \$112.00  
7 weeks fee: \$850.00  
**“NEW” Non-Resident:** \$200.00 per week  
Week of July 4<sup>th</sup>; only 4 days of camp fee: \$180.00

### Treadwell Pool and Eichler’s Cove Beach

**Newtown Resident:**  
Family \$200.00  
Individual \$ 75.00  
Day pass \$ 15.00  
Daily pass \$ 50.00 (6 visits)

### **Non-Resident:**

Family \$400.00  
Individual \$150.00  
Day Pass \$ 30.00  
Daily Pass \$100.00(6 visits)

### Lost swim passes:

**Newtown Resident:** \$ 15.00 per pass  
**Non-Resident:** \$ 25.00 per pass

### Pavilion Reservations

\*“NEW” 4 hour limit, after 4 hours additional fee per hour (noted below); Full day rental is double the fee.

### Treadwell and Dickinson

**Newtown Residents:** \$200.00 plus \$50.00 deposit rental fee – after 4 hours \$ 50.00 per hour  
**Non – Residents:** \$375.00 plus \$50.00 deposit rental fee – after 4 hours \$ 95.00 per hour  
**Businesses:** \$450.00 plus \$50.00 deposit rental fee – after 4 hours \$115.00 per hour  
**“NEW” Newtown Non-profits groups:** \$250.00 plus \$50.00 deposit rental fee – after 4 hours \$ 65.00 per hour  
*\*Anyone renting Treadwell, has the option to use pool at non-refundable \$8.00 per head, must be paid before event*

### Dickinson Band Shell

**Newtown Residents:** \$175.00 plus \$50.00 deposit rental fee– after 4 hours \$ 45.00 per hour  
**Non – Resident:** \$350.00 plus \$50.00 deposit rental fee – after 4 hours \$ 90.00 per hour  
**Businesses** \$425.00 plus \$50.00 deposit rental fee– after 4 hours \$110.00 per hour

### Eichler's Cove Picnic Area

**Newtown Resident:** \$100.00 plus \$50.00 deposit fee for picnic area– after 4 hours \$25.00 per hour  
\$200.00 plus \$50.00 deposit fee for picnic area and beach – after 4 hours \$50.00 per hour; plus \$12/hr. per lifeguard  
*\*(Up to 29 people need 2 lifeguards)  
(30 or more 1 additional lifeguard per 10 guests)*

**Non- Resident:** \$200.00 plus \$50.00 deposit fee for picnic area– after 4 hours \$50.00 per hour  
 \$400.00 plus \$50.00 deposit fee for picnic area and beach– after 4 hours \$100.00 per hour; plus \$12/hr. per lifeguard  
 \*(Up to 29 people need 2 lifeguards)  
 (30 or more 1 additional lifeguard per 10 guests)

**Fairfield Hills Pavilion**

**Newtown Residents:** \$ 75.00 plus \$50.00 deposit rental fee– after 4 hours \$20.00 per hour  
**Non-Residents:** \$150.00 plus \$50.00 deposit rental fee– after 4 hours \$40.00 per hour  
**Businesses:** \$250.00 plus \$50.00 deposit rental fee– after 4 hours \$65.00 per hour

**Boat Launch – April 10<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Resident:** Lake Lillinonah and Eichler’s Cove - Fee for both \$125.00  
**Non-Resident:** Lake Lillinonah and Eichler’s Cove - Fee for both \$250.00  
 \* If return key from last year, receive a \$10.00 off this year’s launch fee.

**KAYAK STORAGE**

Eichler’s Cove  
**Resident Fee:** \$ 75.00  
**Non-Resident:** \$150.00

**EICHLER’S COVE MARINA FEES (Not available online.) \*Marina Slip Season - May 13<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Marina Slip Rentals**

**Newtown residents:** Fee + CT State Use Tax  
 19 ft. and under \$1,100.00 + \$69.85 = \$1,169.85  
 Over 19 ft. \$1,350.00 + \$85.72 = \$1,435.73

**Non-residents:**  
 19 ft. and under \$1,400.00 + \$88.90 = \$1,488.90  
 Over 19 ft. \$1,650.00 + \$104.78 = \$1,754.78  
 \*Boat slip holders will receive 4 beach passes and 1 parking permit included in the fee. Non-residents must renew parking permit each year

**JET SKI SLIPS**

**Newtown residents:** \$700.00 + \$44.45 = \$744.45  
**Non-residents:** \$900.00 + \$50.80 = \$950.80

**PARKING PERMITS**

**Newtown Residents:** Free  
**Non-Resident** \$150.00 for the season  
 \$20.00 per day parking

**WINTER SWIM AT NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL POOL**

**Newtown Resident:** Family pass \$ 75.00  
 Single pass \$ 30.00  
 Senior pass Free  
  
**Non-Resident:** Family pass \$150.00  
 Single pass \$ 60.00  
 Senior pass \$ 30.00