

**Town of Chaplin  
Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2019  
Chaplin Town Hall**

Present: Vice Chairman Tim Barr, Treasurer Dave Stone, Secretary Chris Blair, Amelia Nelson, Monica Arbo

1. Call to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. Audience for Citizens: Andrea Starkweather and Ken Starkweather were present to discuss the boys' basketball evaluations, they are volunteer coaches and wanted to discuss more equitable evaluations so the teams are more balanced in terms of player ability.

**Motion** to move Basketball under Sports to A by Chris, 2nd by Tim, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Secretary's Report: **Motion** to approve the Oct 3 meeting minutes by Dave, 2nd by Tim, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Treasurer 's Report: financials are unchanged from the Oct 3 meeting.

5. Additions to agenda: None.

6. Boy Scout Eagle projects: Dave reported that the fish habitat project installation has been started.

7. Discussion and possible amendments to by-laws: **Motion** to table item 7 by Dave, 2nd by Amelia, all in favor, motion carried.

8. Special Activities: **Motion** to table item 8 (A and B) by Dave, 2nd by Amelia, all in favor, motion carried.

(The agenda was misnumbered so that item 7 and 8 were repeated, so 9 and 10 are the misnumbered repeated 7 and 8 from the agenda).

## 9. Building and Field:

A. Disc Golf: Dave reported that the concrete is in the ground and baskets built, need to have another 2 days of work parties to complete the installation.

## 10. Sports:

A. Basketball: The Commission members and volunteer coaches present discussed arranging teams to balance talent according to the Eastern CT Recreational Basketball Association Rules and Regulations. The team evaluations were held on 10/16, Chris came up with a form to use to evaluate player ability. They evaluated dribbling/passing/shooting. Players so far are as follows: (1) 3rd/4th grade girls team, (2) 5th/6th grade girls teams, (1) 3rd/4th grade boys team and (2) 5th and 6th grade boys teams. There are additional registered players who have not yet been evaluated. Chris proposed that coaches get together during a practice, along with commission members to mediate, and split the teams as needed. The members discussed how to execute this plan and a time frame to do this. Amelia and Chris will contact the coaches to discuss this proposal and scheduling.

The Building and Use Forms requirements were also discussed. Also discussed were official rosters for coaches, assistants and team members.

The members also discussed t-shirt payment protocols and t-shirt ordering, concessions sales, referee fees, and the Shoot-a-thon. The season begins December 8. Referee fees are \$37 til Feb 9, then they increase. **Motion** by Dave to pay each referee \$37 per game, 2 refs per game, from Dec 8 through Feb 9, then \$45 per ref per game, through the end of the season, 2nd by Amelia, all in favor, motion carried.

Scorekeepers have been paid in the past \$20 per game. **Motion** by Dave to pay 1 scorekeeper other than Rec Commission members \$20 per game, 2nd by Chris, all in favor, motion carried.

Also discussed: equipment, the equipment closet was cleaned out by Monica and Chris.

B. Little League: The members discussed the Little League charter issue. There is a new contact person at Little League and that contact person's info will be given to Amelia who will follow up to find answers to the charter reinstatement issue.

C. Soccer: Dave reported that the budget will break even once all the payments are in. The members discussed the schedule to begin December 8 and having a special meeting on November 14 to get the program started.

E. Football: The members discussed the non-feasibility of doing this program at this time.

11. Other Business: The members discussed a gymnastics club proposal from Linda Caron, 2 sessions between January 8- Feb 16 at Chaplin Elementary for girls and boys. She has all the equipment, fee would be \$20 per student per session and instructor requested \$300 payment per session. **Motion** by Dave to accept the gymnastics proposal, 2nd by Monica, all in favor, motion carried. Also discussed badminton clubs and the potential for other clubs.

**Motion** by Dave that player registration fees for all Rec Dept sports shall be waived for one child per team whose parent or guardian serves as a head coach, 2nd by Monica, all in favor, motion carried.

The Recreation Dept received an invoice from BMI (Broadcast Music Incorporated) -- it is past due but does not state what it is for. The members discussed what this would be for, possibly for the movies at the fireworks show in July. Dave will follow up with the company.

12. 2nd Audience for Citizens: None

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Tim, 2nd by Amelia, all in favor, motion carried.  
Adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Marsden, Recording Clerk