

**Town of Chaplin  
Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2019  
Chaplin Town Hall**

Call to order: 7:09 pm

Attending: Vice Chairman Tim Barr, Treasurer David Stone, Secretary Chris Blair, Matt Foster (by phone)

Audience for citizens: Linda Caron, Scoutmaster, Troop 440 from Chaplin, 2 Eagle Scouts want to do projects to benefit Chaplin Parks and Rec Dept. Aiden Stone presented his project idea: five spider block fish habitats for Darling Pond, these will protect fish and hopefully increase survival rates of fish. He estimated that five concrete blocks and associated PVC pipes would cost \$100 for the complete project. He also plans to place a plaque or sign nearby with a map of the pond, the location of where the spider blocks are, explanation of why they are there and that it was an Eagle Scout project. The spider blocks would be about 3 feet high, stay underwater and would have buoys to indicate their presence.

The members thought the project was a good idea. Aiden will go to Home Depot and ask if any materials can be donated. A discussion and vote at a later date will determine if any funding will be provided by the Rec Commission.

Tim Barr signed an agreement on behalf of the Rec Commission accepting Aiden's proposed project.

Alec Zevetchin, the second Eagle Scout, presented his proposal for renovation and organization of the Garrison Field concession stand to add shelving units for necessary storage, including in the bathroom. Another idea is to add 1-2 barbecue grills in the pavilion area. He said that scouts would raise the funds for the grills. Alec will need modest funding from the Rec Commission for shelving materials (hardware and wood). He also mentioned a plaque indicating that this work was an Eagle Scout project.

Tim Barr signed an approval for Alec's project. Linda Caron said that the Scouts would approve these proposals in September, and then the projects could be started.

Secretary's Report and approval of July 18, 2019 meeting minutes: **Motion** by Dave to table the approval of minutes, 2nd by Tim, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Stone reported Special Revenue balance as of 7.31.19 is \$16,006.18; the check to pay for fireworks hasn't cleared yet, and once it does a \$8,367.98 balance will remain in Special Revenue.

General Fund: balance as of 7.31.19 \$12,743.00

**Motion** to approve the treasurer's report by Chris, 2nd by Dave all in favor, motion carried.

Police services for the fireworks event still need to be paid; the police have not yet billed the town and the bill will be somewhere between \$4-5,000.00. The donations of \$7500.00 and \$2500.00 were put in Special Revenue. The police invoice will be paid from the General Fund.

Additions to agenda: None

Eagle Scout projects: The members are supportive, will discuss further next meeting.

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

Special Activities:

- a. Fireworks 2020: Dave asked for support from the members to address the Board of Selectman meeting about funding for this event. Members agreed.
- b. Labor Day: Amelia is putting on the T Ball World Series for labor day weekend.
- c. Tag Sale: No discussion, Steve Landon isn't present and this was to be his project.
- d. Discussion on sponsoring a coach's event: The members discussed options for kid's sports team coach appreciation.

Building and Field:

- a. Disc golf: All materials are in place and Bill Rose and Dave Stone will be doing the setup/post drilling, then a work party will complete the project.

Sports:

- a. T Ball: Amelia is organizing the T Ball World Series for Labor Day weekend.
- b. Little League: Parents are complaining about the lack of Little League in town. The formerly chartered Chaplin-Hampton Little League is not a Chaplin Recreation Dept entity, it is its own entity and it is not a Chaplin Rec responsibility to restore the charter. However, Chaplin formerly sponsored it, and Dave has been working on finding out how it can get its charter back. Someone would have to step up and run it on a volunteer basis. The members discussed volunteer recruitment, creation of a Friends of Chaplin Recreation group.
- c. Soccer: **Motion** by Dave to spend up to \$200 on supplies, 2nd by Matt, all in favor, motion carried. **Motion** to fund t-shirts up to \$12 each for registered soccer players by Dave, 2nd by Matt, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. Basketball: Matt will not be able to spearhead it but is willing to assist. Chris is willing to assist by going to a league meeting and asked Matt to talk about it at the next meeting. Matt said that the first week of school is the time to get the word out.
- e. Football: The members discussed not taking on football because everyone is maxxed out with existing programs, and there are other football programs in surrounding areas which kids may access.

Other Business: Dave has a quote for the installation of Phase II of the playscape: \$12,255.00 Does not include excavation or site prep which would be done by DPW. Dave will go before the Board of Finance and see how to proceed.

2nd Audience for citizens: None

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Tim, 2nd by Dave, all in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm