

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

Chair Dave Stone called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM Attendees: Monica Arbo (Secretary), Amie Kraemer (Treasurer), Danny Cates and Matt Foster. Others present were Elizabeth Trosell, Brian Bombria, Roger Bolduk and Geno.

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Additions to Agenda:

- *Motion to move 8D Request for Park Use – Roger Bolduk after Treasurer’s Report, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion to move 9A Disc Golf Expansion after Request for Park Use and include Discussion and Possible Action of Disc Golf Tournament, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion to add to Building and Field Item 9C – Arboretum Request for Tree Placement, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Matt Foster and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion to add to Building and Field Item 9D – Cornhole Boards, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*

4. Secretary’s Report:

- *Motion to approve February 1, 2024 special meeting minutes as presented, made by Monica Arbo, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion to approve February 21, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented, made by Monica Arbo, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.*
- *Motion to approve February 27, 2024 special meeting minutes as presented, made by Monica Arbo, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.*

5. Treasurer’s Report:

General Fund – \$4,291.80

Special Revenue – \$12,473.62

Basketball is paid up and closed out (still have tournament payments).

Request for Park Use – Roger Bolduk:

Roger Bolduk, Director of the Eastern CT Veteran’s Center, would like to use the field at Garrison Park on June 8th for a car show from 1-4pm to raise money for the Veteran’s Center. They hold two fundraisers for the Veterans – Nightmare on Main and a car show run by Geno with the Knight Rider car. Would need 90 minutes before the show for people to come in, access to the bathrooms and outside faucet (Matt suggested selling bottled water) and a walkthrough the night before. If it rains, they would not want to bring their cars out (Matt suggested moving to the elementary school where it’s paved if the field is wet). Would have 1 or 2 food trucks unless the Commission willing to do food (Monica will open the Concession Stand). Geno suggested having the Fire Truck there for the kids (they like to involve first responders). There is no charge for admission (donations accepted). Wolfman Roger will DJ. Amie Kraemer asked about the number of spectators (200-400) and overflow parking (Dave suggested the upper lot for the car show if the field is dry with overflow parking at the Senior Center/Library and near the walk path).

Motion to sponsor the Veteran’s Center Car Show for June 8th as proposed, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

Disc Golf Expansion:

Brian Bombria presented drawing of proposed expansion to bring to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting (April 4th) and is willing to attend. Would like to get in to make a path for the fairway and asked about ribbons to mark the trees – no big trees coming down (need to wait until approved by the BOS). Dave Stone suggested doing a fundraiser for the \$6,000 to \$8,000 investment (could do a Disc Golf Day with lots of vendors available and Spring 45/Fall 45 Fundraiser Tournament). Amie Kraemer asked about sponsored holes (sign could be business or family name). Commission prefers not to commercialize the park.

Disc Golf Tournament (discussion and possible action):

Looking to do a Tournament on May 25th with \$50 registration fee - will advertise as a fundraiser. Discussed opening the concession stand (Brian will take care of the food) and pole sponsors with banners of limited size and color (Matt suggested a sign at each tee). Will discuss sponsors further after gathering more information.

Motion to sponsor Spring 45 Tournament on May 25th, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Matt Foster and carried unanimously.

6. **Membership:** Reminder that 5 terms are expiring June 30th (Danny, Matt, Amie, Pat, Clayton).

7. Sports

A. Basketball:

Received \$115 invoice from Andover for 5-6 Boys Tournament Fees. Need to charge Windham and payout 2 more.

- ***Motion to move down the agenda until fees determined, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to send \$115 to Andover, send \$230 to Lebanon, and collect \$115 from Windham, made by Matt Foster, seconded by Monica Arbo and carried unanimously.***

B. Soccer: Will send out flyer for Soccer that starts April 21st (get key for Coach Melissa).

C. Cornhole:

Current session ends March 27th. Discussed doing a quick spring session including: Wednesdays and Sundays for 5 weeks (Sunday League would start April 28th and end June 9th skipping Memorial Day weekend and Mother's Day, Wednesday League would start May 1st and end May 29th), payouts (1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$75, 3rd Place - \$50), and no makeup if cancelled due to weather.

Motion to approve Spring Cornhole as proposed with \$50 registration fee, no makeup for session cancelled due to bad weather and prize payouts of 1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$75, 3rd Place - \$50, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.

D. T-Ball Baseball:

No word from Brooklyn Little League about use of the fields (asked to use the gym during the week). Discussed doing T-Ball Skills Clinic including: 8 weeks (April 15 to June 10th skipping May 27th), shirts and caps, registration fee (\$35 for Chaplin residents, \$45 for out-of-town residents).

Motion to run T-Ball program as proposed starting April 15th with \$35 for Chaplin residents and \$45 for out-of-town residents, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

8. Activities

A. Summer Concert Series/Events/Schedule:

Currently have Crossover Band for June 15th and Branded for July 20th. Mack Truck Mary can't do June 27th (offering them July 13th).

B. Fishing Fun Day: No word from DEEP.

C. Fishing Derby/Stocking Pond:

Guy Vertefeuille wants to donate \$1,000 worth of trout (Amie suggested coinciding with the Senior Center Breakfast). Could hold on Opening Day to catch and keep (April 20th – would need to get permits).

- **Motion to hold Fishing Derby on April 20th from 8-10am contingent upon donor securing the fish, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Monica Arbo and carried unanimously.**
- **Motion to approve \$150 for prizes (3 - \$50 Gift Cards to Columbia Sports Center) for highest combined weight for each division (12-15, 6-11, 0-5), made by Monica Arbo, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.**

D. Request for Park Use – R. Bolduk: Moved to after Treasurer’s Report.

E. Shuffleboard/Game Night: Working on taping out the court.

9. Building and Field:

A. Disc Golf Expansion: moved to after Treasurer’s Report

B. Security: waiting on quote for bathroom door locks.

C. Other - Arboretum request for Tree Placement:

Arboretum Commission is looking to plant 2 new Witch Hazel species (big shrub) to showcase for Arbor Day. Grows best under the shade of other trees (best spot would be under pine trees on the north side).

Motion to allow the Arboretum Commission to plant 2 new species of Witch Hazel, made by Monica Arbo, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

D. Cornhole Boards:

Dave Stone took 2 cornhole boards home to restore – about 3 hours for sanding and refinishing with poly (\$40 for supplies). Willing to work on the remainder (will do the first set for now).

10. Chaplin Day:

Discussed lawnmower races through New England Lawnmower Association including: posting the rules so people can start working on their tractor, promoting vendors, picking up the fence, having EMTs (with possibly the ambulance) and Fire Department on site, getting the golf cart out to work on (keys don’t work).

Motion to spend up to \$150 on new ignition for Golf Cart and any supplies needed to service it, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (8:08 PM) made by Danny Cates, seconded by Matt Foster and carried unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted by
Kathleen Scott, Recording Clerk**