

PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Senior Center

Attendance:

**Present: Bryan Litz, Bill Scatolini, Jon Stogner,
Michelle Pastore,**

Marc Atkin, CW Zimmer, Emilie Hisgen, Dave Trebbe

- I. **Meeting Called To Order.**
Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Mr. Zimmer
- II. **Minutes from Previous Meetings Approved and Accepted**
Minutes will be presented at next meeting from February
- III. **Bills Submitted for Approval:**
 - a. T – Mobile = \$60.97
 - b. Baseball Uniforms = \$3,462.00
 - c. Art Ventures = \$4,896.00
- IV. **Budget Report -** will be reported next meeting
 - a. General Fund
 - b. Revolving Fund
- V. **Correspondence.**
Stony Hill beach pass was donated to their Spring fundraiser
- VI. **Committee Reports. -** will be reported next meeting
 - a. F.O.R. (Bryan Litz)
 - b. Community Preservation (C.W. Zimmer)
 - c. Selectmen Liaison (Bill Scatolini)
 - d. Open Space (Emilie Hisgen)
 - e. Sports Associations/Committees (Bryan Litz)
- VII. **Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting.**
Concern was raised about a H.S. Rec Basketball player and the family never paying. He ended up playing in 2 games and got in a fight. Mom stated she never gave him permission to play and was unwilling to pay the fee. Rec Board decided to not penalize the younger son/brother for the baseball season. Board felt this was the right thing to do.

Added amendment to the FYFA
Mr. Atkin made a motion to approve the amendment taking out the wording of “2019” in the FYFA document. Second by Mr. Trebbe, all in favor. The idea is to not have this as a year to year document, unless changes are needed.

VIII. **Old Business.**

a. 2019 \$2500 Parks Maintenance/Equipment Request

Mr. Litz has been creative in the past to find ways to help maintain Spec Pond and equipment needs. Unfortunately the town has not financially been supportive of the rec dept for these line items. Due to this issue, sports associations were asked during the 2018 season to help support this need by paying a \$2,500 fee to help cover these costs.

At this time, Mr. Litz has made a recommendation to eliminate asking for the 2019 \$2,500 from associations. Fortunately the town has been able to help financially support a variety of equipment and field costs for the fiscal year 2019 and 2020 budgets. This help allows for the fee reduction.

The Rec Board felt a big difference of asking and demanding maintenance/equipment fee from associations, but understood the need for the fee to maintain the quality of fields provided to the teams. Concern from board members about what the fee was suppose to be used for. Either field maintenance, equipment or a combination.

Mr. Litz clarified some of the cost for field maintenance. The fee is usually around \$20,000 with FOR kicking in \$10,000 then 4 associations splitting the other \$10,000 to help with the fields and equipment needs to provide the service that is needed.

Motion made by Mr. Zimmer to remove the 2019 ask of the 4 associations of \$2,500. The associations include boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, baseball, and football. Second by Mrs. Hisgen, all in favor.

Collection of 2018 Fees:

Baseball - paid

Football - paid

Boys Lax - agreed to pay the 2018 fee of \$2,500 over the next 3 years

Girls Lax - stated they would pay \$1,750, Mr. Litz will reach out to them to give them the same option as boys Lax and let them know the 2019 fee has been eliminated.

b. 2019 Field Rental Application - The board had a concern with idea of field rental fee per game/practice being the same.

Motion made by Mr. Zimmer to move to approve 2019 field rental policy. Second by Mr. Trebbe all in favor.

IX. **New Business.** none at this time

X. **Adjournment.**

Motion made to adjourn at 7:12PM by Mr. Scatolini

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jon Stogner