

Chaplin Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

3/16/2023

6PM Chaplin Town Hall

Attendance:

Dave Stone – Chairman

Amelia Nelson – Vice Chairman

Monica Arbo - Secretary

Danny Cates

Matt Foster

1. Call to Order
 - a. 6:05pm
2. Audience for Citizens
 - a. Pat Pogmore
 - i. Economic Development Commission
 - ii. Possible Recreation Member
 - b. Adele Swart
 - i. Friends of the Chaplin Library
 - ii. Storybook Walk
 1. Looking to use the split-rail fence to hang storybook pages
 2. Theme – Community Kindness and Inclusiveness
 3. May involve pond use, activities for all ages related to the story
 4. Most libraries only use one book, Chaplin Library will discuss multiple books
 5. About 20 pages is normal, laminated pages hoping to be hung on the fence
 6. Hoping for mid-June start
3. Additions to Agenda
 - a. **Dave moves to add Discussions about Storybook Walk at item 6.**
 - i. Monica 2nds
 1. 4-0-0 Pass
4. Secretary's Report
 - a. January 24, 2023
 - i. **Danny motions to approve as presented.**
 1. Dave 2nds
 2. 4-0-0 Pass
 - b. February 16, 2023
 - i. **Amelia motions to approve as presented.**

1. Monica 2nds
 2. 3-0-1 Dave abstains
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5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. No report available
 6. Storybook Walk
 - a. Friends of Library
 - b. Dave going to work with Friends of Library to make sure pages are secured to fence.
 7. Membership
 - a. Vacancies
 - i. 1 current vacant position
 - ii. Pat Pogmore will be suggested for appointment to fill the position.
 - b. Membership Incentives
 - i. Discussed creating a stipend program for member activity. It would be based on points earned by attending meetings, events and running programs. Will need to research programs and responsibilities.
 - ii. Dave to get program from fire department for Monica to look at and customize to Rec to present to Commission at next meeting.
 8. Sports
 - a. Basketball
 - i. Had awesome coaches that ran the program. One time the referees stopped the game to speak to a coach from another town but that was an isolated incident and it was an overall smooth year. Thank you to Matt Foster for running the program.
 - ii. Discussed thank you awards for the coaches involved in the program.
 - iii. Monica motions to purchase (3) \$100 gift cards for the head coaches as a thank you for their participation in the program.**
 1. Matt 2nds
 2. 4-0-1 Amelia abstains
 - iv. CT Sun called Dave about a youth program involving teams being able to play in the arena before games. Amelia to look into it.
 - v. Matt discussed looking for sponsors to help support the program next year.
 - b. Baseball Tee Ball
 - i. Brooklyn Baseball and Tee Ball has started and is running well.
 - ii. **Dave motions to spend up to \$200 on Tee Ball equipment for Chaplin's Tee Ball clinic.**
 1. Amelia 2nds
 2. 5-0-0 Pass
 - iii. **Monica motions to charge \$35 per Chaplin resident player in and \$45 per out of town player for registrations.**
 1. Danny 2nds
 2. 5-0-0 Pass
 - iv. **Dave motions to spend up to \$20 per registered player for shirts and hats.**
 1. Matt 2nds

- 2. 5-0-0 Pass
 - c. Soccer
 - i. The season ended but shirts have just arrived. Dave will work with Coach Melissa to distribute.
 - d. Cornhole
 - i. Kid's program has about 8 players consistently. Will continue for spring league.
 - ii. Spring League will run April 30th to June 11th on Sundays and Wednesdays, skipping Memorial Day Sunday.
 - 1. **Dave motions to charge \$10 per team per night for registrations, to be collected at the beginning of the season.**
 - 2. Danny 2nds
 - a. 5-0-0 Pass
 - 3. **Monica motions for Payouts to be as follows for both Sunday and Wednesday Leagues:**
 - a. **1st Place - \$180**
 - b. **2nd Place - \$120**
 - c. **3rd Place - \$60**
 - d. **4th Place – receives a half price discount for next season**
 - e. Amelia 2nds
 - i. 5-0-0 Pass
 - 4. American Legion Tournament is still happening, details to come.
 - 5. Need to reconsider continuing the after-league tournament before the spring league.
 - e. Disc Golf
 - i. Glow League is starting soon. Rec will request the host to attend next meeting to discuss.
9. Activities
 - a. Fishing Derby April 22nd
 - i. DEEP will be attending with their education trailer.
 - ii. **Dave motions to spend up to \$40 on worms.**
 - 1. Monica 2nds
 - 2. 5-0-0 Pass
 - iii. **Dave motions to spend up to \$50 for a gift certificate for each age division.**
 - 1. \$50 to Walmart for the youngest division, \$50 and \$50 to Center Sports for the older divisions.
 - a. Monica 2nds
 - b. 5-0-0 Pass
 - c. Amie to grab cards
 - b. "Chaplin Day" 2023 September 9th
 - i. Due to budget cuts, there will be no fireworks this year.
 - ii. Looking for town entities to be showcased.
 - iii. **Dave motions to book Paul Leonard Band for \$1200.**
 - 1. Monica 2nds
 - 2. 5-0-0 Pass

- iv. Pat taking the lead on organizing.
 - v. Food trucks have reached out to Dave. We will limit the food trucks to 3 food and 1 dessert.
 - vi. **Dave motions to give the food trucks an option to pay \$100 or 10% of profits for the day.**
 - 1. Danny 2nds
 - 2. 5-0-0 Pass
 - vii. Vendors and spaces, no charge for Chaplin residents
 - 1. **Dave motions to charge nonresident, for-profit vendors \$25 per 10x10 space.**
 - a. Monica 2nds
 - b. 5-0-0 Pass
 - viii. Activities
 - 1. Will reach out to town entities to bring activities and displays
 - 2. Commission will reach out to anybody else that may want to bring activities and displays
 - c. Summer Event Schedule
 - i. Tabled
10. Building and Field
- a. Building Security
 - i. Fobs distributed to members
 - b. New multi-use pavilion/stage/agricultural structure
 - i. Pat going to speak with North East Chamber of Commerce about getting a grant to get a new building.
 - ii. Pat spoke with representative Courtney's office about a grant. Meeting with First Selectman in April to discuss.
 - iii. Discussed a new multi-use building including enclosed area and open stage. Basketball courts, new kitchen and other possibilities were discussed.
 - c. Cornhole Field
 - i. Dave to put out a survey to all of our players about the concrete pads.
 - d. Cornhole Boards
 - i. Some of the boards have been damaged due to the heavy use. Discussed repairing boards or buying new ones. Will add the question to the survey to see what the players prefer.
 - e. Disc Golf "back 9"
 - i. Property line is located and marked off, Dave is working with DEEP. Course designer is aware and in the process of coming up with a map.
 - f. Disc Golf Retrieval Plan, Lost Disc Policy
 - i. Dave submitted approved policy to the Board of Selectman. Town attorney is in the process of reviewing and making recommendations to change.
11. Other Business
- a. None
12. 2nd Audience for Citizens
- a. None

13. Adjournment

a. Dave motions to adjourn at 9:00PM

- i. Amelia 2nds
- ii. 5-0-0 Pass