

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2022

Attendees: Dave Stone (Chair), Danny Cates (Treasurer), Shannon Hammond, Clayton Coogan, Matt Foster, First Selectman Juan Roman.

1. **Call to order:** 6:30 PM

2. **Audience for Citizens:** None

3. **Secretary's Report:**

Dave motioned to table Secretary's Report, Matt seconds. Motion passed 5-0-0.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

- General Fund balance as of August 8, 2022 - \$14,139.30.
- Special Revenue balance - \$9,303.17 (Berkshire Bank), \$68.32 (Webster Bank).

5. **Additions to Agenda:**

Dave motioned to add to agenda 7e-Bicentennial Band and 7f-Bicentennial Donations, Danny seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

6. **Membership:** Looking to fill 2 vacancies (2-year terms) to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

7. **Bicentennial Celebration/Fireworks**

A. Concessions:

Food will be purchased from Sysco with help from Bob Grindle. Appliances are in (Fan, Nacho Cheese Pump, Ice Machine, Hotdog Roller). Discussed purchase of commercial grade chest freezer with thermometers (need for ice and single serve ice-cream).

Matt motioned to spend up to \$1,000 out of General Fund for purchase of commercial grade freezer and accessories, Shannon seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

B. Vendors, Space, Program:

- Food Vendors include: Hungry Lion, Kona Ice, Hide-A-Way Steaks, Woodfellas Pizza and Click (Mexican). Jay's Catering backed out today.

- Matt suggested a neon shirt for the Sound Manager with Sound Guy on the back.

Matt motioned to spend up to \$30 out of Special Revenue for the purchase of a neon Sound Guy shirt, Dave seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

- Warren Church representing Joshua's Trust has asked for a fee waiver (non-profit organization).

There is a \$25 application fee for all non-residents. Matt suggested no charge for people that don't sell anything and are informational.

Dave motioned to waive all fees to vendors who are non-profit and not selling anything, Danny seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

- Villari's Martial Arts was added to the program and will be placed near the Yoga.

C. Lighting:

Lighting for the barn and in the trees - need 8-10 lights, cord ends for the lights and screws for mounting the lights to the trees.

Dave motioned to spend up to \$400 from the General Fund for extra lighting for the Bicentennial Celebration, Matt seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

D. **Other:** None

E. **Bicentennial Band:**

The Paul Leonard Band (headliner) cannot make it. Talked to other possible bands – Red Hot Rascals (3-piece Original Rock and Roll), Branded (Rock and Country - played at the park previously and member is Chaplin resident), Cars Tribute Band (Cars only), Not 21 (Classic Rock), Not Sorry (Party Rock) and listened to clips of their music to fill the slot.

- **Danny motioned to spend up to \$2,400 out of the General Fund to hire Branded to fill the 1st slot, Shannon seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- **Dave motioned if Branded falls through to hire Red Hot Rascals and move the 357 Band to the headliner slot, Shannon seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

F. **Bicentennial Donations:**

Chris Blair has asked to donate funds to Linda Caron towards prizes for the Talent Show.

Dave motioned to donate \$100 out of Special Revenue to Linda Caron towards CES events, Shannon seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

8. **Sports**

A. **Fall Soccer:**

Coach Melissa is ready to go with Fall Soccer starting September 18th (6 sessions on Sundays) from 8-10am for PreK-3 at a cost of \$525.

- **Danny motioned to accept Coach Melissa's quote to run the Fall Soccer Program, Clayton seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- **Dave motioned to collect \$35 for Chaplin residents and \$45 for non-residents for the Fall Soccer Program, Clayton seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- **Dave motion to spend up to \$15 per registered player on shirts for the Fall Soccer program, Clayton seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

9. **Activities**

A. **Chaplin Recreation Logo:**

Shannon motioned to table Chaplin Recreation Logo; Danny seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

B. **Fall Cornhole League and Tournament:** Change schedule to skip Columbus Day.

C. **Fin Fur and Feather Club Cornhole Tournament:**

Dave (member of Fin Fur and Feather) asked the Chaplin Recreation to sponsor the Cornhole Tournament by providing the boards and promoting it.

Matt motioned for Chaplin Recreation to sponsor the Fin Fur and Feather Club Cornhole Tournament, Danny seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

10. **Building and Field**

A. **Paint/Building Maintenance:**

DPW is working Saturday to dress up the park and is available Sunday (would like to paint the concession building, fix the trim with metal brake rental and paint the pavilion posts).

Dave motioned to spend up to \$300 from the General Fund for the purchase of brake Rental, aluminum trim materials and paint, Danny seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

B. **Concessions Kitchen Upgrade:**

Matt suggested separate receptacles in the building for the new appliances.

C. **Arboretum:** Just about done.

D. **Pollinator Garden:**

There is interest in planting a Pollinator Garden (would need to keep bees away from the playground).

11. Other Business:

Matt was contacted by the Basketball League and could use help from two people learning to run it and keeping score.

12. 2nd Audience for Citizens: None

13. Adjournment:

Dave motioned to adjourn (7:49 PM), Matt seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

*Respectfully submitted by
Kathleen Scott, Recording Clerk*