

Town of Chaplin
Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 19,2020
Chaplin Town Hall

Members present: Treasurer, Dave Stone, Secretary, Chris Blair, Amelia Nelson, Josh Woodward, Russ Johndrow, Monica Arbo (phone conference)

1. Call to order at 7:04 pm
2. Audience for Citizens: None
3. Secretary's Report: Approval of February 20, 2020.
Motion to accept minutes as presented by Chris, 2nd by Dave, all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's report: Dave reported that as of 3/19 there is \$8042.92 in Special Revenue Fund and \$6,556.23 in General Fund. **Motion** to accept as presented by Chris , 2nd by Josh. All in favor. Motion carried
5. Sports:
 - A. Baseball/T-Ball: Monica reported that she would like to act as the coordinator for the program. She has an outline of a program from the Little League that gives coaches a plan on running practices. The program will begin on May 18 dependent on Covid-19 progression.
 - B. Basketball: Chris reported that the season has ended with two teams winning their championships. The pizza party planned for March 29th has been cancelled due to Covid-19 virus. No plans to reschedule because of uncertainty of time frame.
 - C. Badminton: Program is on hold dependent on when and if school is to be resumed.

6. Activities:

A. Cornhole: Many positive comments from the people who had participated. Dave would like to hold a tournament later on in the year. Decision will be tabled until next meeting.

B. Fireworks: After discussion with the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectman, it was decided to set Friday, September 11, 2020 as the date to have fireworks. Saturday, September 12, 2020 will be the raindate. Both boards agreed to help pay for the fireworks. Dave will contact the company to get a quote for the fireworks.

C. Summer concerts in the Park: So far, "Tuesday Saints" have been contacted. They have been tentatively scheduled for July 11. Their cost is \$500. They will play from 6pm – 9:00pm. Amelia will check on "Big Nasty" to see if they are available.

Motion made by Dave to book the band, "Tuesday Saints", and pay them \$500. 2nd by Amelia. All in favor. Motion carried.

(Monica exits the meeting at 7:47)

D. Other Activities: Russ reported that the Bike Run will be held on August 8. Time to be determined at a later date. Plans are still in the process for the exact route.

7. Building and Field

A. Disc Golf: Baskets are up and are in use. Turf still needs to be put down and the kiosk still needs to be made. Work still needs to be done at each tee. Work day suggested. **Motion** made by Dave to spend up to \$1000. for supplies needed to complete the project. 2nd by Amelia. All in favor. Motion carried.

It was discussed that on T-9 near the pavilion, netting should be put up to protect anyone using the pavilion. **Motion** made by Dave that up to \$200. should be spent

on sports netting, 2nd by Josh. All in favor. Motion carried.

- B. Scout Projects: The fish habitat, Aidan Stone's project , is almost complete. Alec Zevetchen is currently building the shelving in the Rec. building.
 - C. Baseball Field Maintenance: A quote of \$2500. has been received to fix the ball fields. Discussion was held on whether this amount should be spent especially because of the Covid-19 virus postponing all sporting events. It was decided that the Recreation Commission will hold a work day with volunteers to do the maintenance on fields at Garrison and CES. **Motion** made by Dave to spend \$300. on baseball mix to be trucked by DPW to Garrison and CES fields. 2nd by Chris. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - D. Other: It was recommended that the Board of Selectman post a warning on the Chaplin web site about the use of Garrison field and its equipment due to the Covid-19 virus. Also it was mentioned that an arboretum is being designed for the Chaplin bicentennial. Various Connecticut plant species will be used throughout the park. A grant is being sought from Sustainable CT to help fund this project. They will match any money donated toward this project. A discussion about if the committee can use the Recreation Commission's Special Revenue Fund to hold these donations took place.
8. 2nd audience for citizens: None
9. Adjournment: **Motion** made by Dave to adjourn at 8:40pm. 2nd by Russ. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,
Chris Blair, Secretary

