

**Town of Chaplin  
Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2020  
Chaplin Town Hall**

Members Present: Treasurer Dave Stone, Secretary Chris Blair, Monica Arbo, Amelia Nelson

1. Call to order at 7:11 pm

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Secretary's Report: Approval of December 19, 2019 meeting minutes. **Motion** to approve by Monica, 2nd by Amelia. Dave abstained, all others in favor, motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report: Dave presented the report as of today, general fund balance is \$11,550.44, special revenue is \$8,847.49. **Motion** to accept by Chris, 2nd by Monica, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Additions to Agenda: Gymnastics added to Other Business, discuss FY 2021 budget under Other Business

6. Sports:

A. Baseball/Little League: Monica said the Chaplin-Hampton Little League board members have their charter finalized, other items are in progress. Discussed that T-Ball potentially could be under Little League, but it can also stay under Chaplin Recreation. The members agreed that it will stay under Chaplin Rec at least for now. Amelia suggested starting T-Ball earlier this year, because in the past parents complained that it went too far into the summer. Dave said the earliest start date could be May 1, and the members decided to start recruiting volunteers and getting registrations in late March and early April. Registration will still be \$40 including a shirt.

B. Soccer: Dave said there are 21 kids registered so far, lots from Scotland and only 2 from Chaplin so far.

C. Basketball: The members discussed the varying basketball coaching styles they have observed and parents have mentioned. They also discussed developing policies for vetting coaches for all sports (background checks, etc).

## 7. Activities:

A. Cornhole league: Dave has had 20 participants sign up, and he will close the registrations by Saturday 1/18 so he can organize the league for a Monday 1/20 start. Dave explained the structure he's envisioning for the game with partners, alternates, etc. The members discussed taking 50 percent of fees for prize money divided into 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Registration is \$40 per player. The members discussed distribution of prizes as 1st place winner 60 percent, 2nd place 30 percent, 3rd place ten percent. **Motion** by Dave to accept the price structure as above, 2nd by Amelia, all in favor, motion carried.

## 8. Building and Field:

A. Disc Golf: Nothing to report

B. Boy Scout projects: Chris had reported at last month's meeting that Aiden's project was completed, but Dave said it isn't quite finished yet.

Dave added that if the weather allows, an ice skating rink will be set up at Garrison Field this season.

## 9. Other Business:

A. Gymnastics: 30 kids are already registered, Linda Caron will forward the registration fees as soon as she collects all of the funds. The members discussed the possibility of a badminton club or other clubs.

B. Discuss FY 2021 budget: Dave said before the next meeting they have to submit a budget request for the next fiscal year. The Commission would like to be able to have another fireworks event in 2020 (FY 2021). The event cost \$7,500 in 2019 (FY 2020) but it was funded by a donation. The budget is approved in May and that wouldn't leave a lot of time to organize the event. It would probably be a late summer or Labor Day event. Dave will discuss possibilities with the Board of Finance. The current budget is as follows:

Rec Directors Salary: \$0.00

Clerical hire: \$892.00

Field Maintenance and Development: \$4000.00

Office advertising: \$0.00

Postage: \$20.00

Activities: \$7500.00

Sporting equipment: \$2500.00

Utilities/cable: \$0.00

Electricity: \$850.00 Other Utilities: \$0.00 Phone etc: \$0.00

The members also discussed soccer supplies, Dave said they have been ordered. Chris suggested a pizza party for basketball participants to include a speaker with the subject of sportsmanship and how to be a team player. The motivational speaker they have in mind is a Chaplin Resident, ECSU coach and role model.

**Motion** by Dave to spend up to \$300 from the Activities fund for this party, 2nd by Amelia, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave said the invoice from BMI is now delinquent. He will make an effort to make contact with the company to determine what the invoice is for, since it does not state what the expense was. Motion by Dave to pay \$358.00 to BMI for services rendered in 2019, if it is a legitimate expense, 2nd by Chris, all in favor, motion carried.

10. 2nd Audience for Citizens: None

11. Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Dave, 2nd by Chris, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Marsden, Recording Clerk