

**Town of Chaplin
Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020
Chaplin Town Hall**

Members Present: Treasurer Dave Stone, Secretary Chris Blair, Amelia Nelson, Russ Johndrow

1. Call to order at 7:15 pm
2. Audience for Citizens: None
3. Secretary's Report: Approval of January 16, 2020
Correction: 9B; FY 2021 budget. Line 3 Change to: The fireworks display themselves cost \$7500. that was funded by a donation. The total cost for the day was roughly around \$15,000.
Motion to accept as corrected by Dave, 2nd by Amelia, all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: Dave presented the report as of today: General Fund Balance : \$10,990.67, Special Revenue: \$10,179.60.
A bill from the CT State Police was received for services provided at the Firework Celebration, for \$4026.42. The bill was paid through the Activities fund.
Motion to accept as presented by Amelia and 2nd by Russ. All in favor. Motion carried
5. Sports
 - A. Baseball/Little League: Amelia reported that the Charter has been secured and that LL will be moving forward with registrations. Also T- Ball will be offered

for Pre-K to 2nd grade this year through the Recreation Commission. A plan should include learning skills but in a fun manner. It will be an 8 -week program starting in May. and registration should be \$40.

- B. Soccer: Another indoor soccer program was offered by Coach Melissa starting in March. After discussion, it was decided not to offer this program at this time but rather wait for an outdoor program which could be offered in the Spring.

Russ discussed a possible travel program for 7th and 8th graders. He will investigate creating a travel team and present the plan at the next meeting.

- C. Basketball: Chris reported that the 2019-2020 program is coming to an end. Play-offs will be held on Feb. 22-23 at PHHS with the championship game on Feb. 27 at Scotland Elementary. Discussion about a pizza party to celebrate the year with coaches and players was held. Dave will look into the availability of the Chaplin Fire Dept. on Mar. 28 at 5 pm or Mar. 29 at 3 pm. **Motion** by Russ to add an additional \$200. to the pizza party fund. 2nd by Amelia. All in favor. Motion carried. **Motion** by Chris to spend up to \$200 for basketball trophies for the Championship game. 2nd by Amelia. All in favor, motion carried. **Motion** to sponsor Jamie Millerd for an Open Gym on Wednesdays from 5- 6:30 at Chaplin Elementary.

- D. Gymnastics/Badminton: The program was very successful with over 30 participants. Mrs. Caron would like to offer a Badminton program for Grades 3-6. It would be held at Chaplin Elementary, Wednesdays, March 18- Apr. 29 . **Motion** made by Dave to offer badminton for \$20. per participant and pay Linda Caron as instructor \$300. 2nd by Amelia. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Activities

- A. Cornhole: The program is very successful and has 21 participants. Dave would like to continue the program during the summer as an outdoor program.
- B. Fireworks: Dave has had discussion about continuing the fireworks in the summer time. The Board of Finance and the Rec. Dept will try to work together to hold one in the future.
- C. Summer Concerts in the Park: The Rec. Dept. would like to hold concerts during the summertime about every two weeks. We will look into different genres (Country, Rock, Big Band)
- D. Paint Night: The Rec. Dept still has a large supply of paint, canvases and other materials to be able to host some paint parties. Amelia will check with the Art teacher at PHHS who had done some in the past if she would be interested in doing others through the Recreation Dept.

7. Building and Fields

- A. Disc Golf: with the weather improving , work on the completion of the disc golf course will continue.
- B. Boy Scout Projects: The projects are not yet completed. Material has been purchased and work is being done in the Rec. building.
- C. Baseball Field Maintenance: The ball field will need to have some work done in order to prep the field for the up-coming Baseball/T-Ball season
- D. Playscape: Dave spoke with the BOF about the completion of the playscape. The Rec. Dept. agreed to put off a CIP project for another year so that other projects in town can be completed. It will cost approx. \$12,000 to complete the playscape project.

8. Other Business

A. Bike Run- Russ discussed the plans for a bike run that will be sponsored by the Veteran's Basecamp and other organizations. He would like to utilize Garrison Field for some activities. He will bring more information to the next meeting for discussion.

9. 2nd audience for Citizens: None

10. Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn at 9:35 made by Amelia. 2nd by Chris. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Blair, Secretary