

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION
Chaplin Town Hall
Chaplin, CT
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2024

Chair Dave Stone called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Attendees: Danny Cates, Josh Woodward and Charlie Harakaly.

2. **Audience for Citizens:** None

3. **Additions to Agenda:**

- ***Motion to add to agenda as Item 8C – Halloween at the Park, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***
- ***Motion to add to agenda as Item 8D – Winter Activity Discussion, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.***

4. **Secretary's Report:**

Motion to approve September 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Josh Woodward and carried unanimously.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** General Fund – \$5,525.80 as of Oct. 15th; Special Revenue – \$7,454.18 as of Sept. 30. Activities (\$1,460 overbudget); Building & Field Maintenance (\$3,500 left – \$1,200 for door not paid yet); Sporting Equipment (nothing spent); Utilities (\$812 left out of \$1,400). Money coming in for basketball.

6. **Membership:** 3 spots open (Joe Pinto's wife Casey interested) - post again on Facebook and Google Groups.

7. **Sports**

A. Basketball:

Evals Day will be held October 26th am - need the numbers (1st game - 1st week of December).

Motion to spend up to \$300 for Basketball Equipment as needed, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

8. **Activities**

A. Summer Concert Series/Events:

- Whiskey Boulevard is available August 2, 2025 for \$1,500.

Motion to book Whiskey Boulevard for August 2, 2025 for \$1,500, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

- Heartland is available Saturdays in July and August 2025 for \$850.

Motion to book Heartland for July 12, 2025 for \$850, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Josh Woodward and carried unanimously.

B. Cornhole:

Discussed Winter Session: starting after the 1st of the year, holding sessions once a week, sending out survey for options: tournament style random draw, as a team or other ideas (discuss at next meeting).

C. Halloween at the Park:

7 trunks to date including the Fire Department – will have concessions.

Motion to spend up to \$400 from Special Revenue on Concessions, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Josh Woodward and carried unanimously.

D. Winter Activity Discussion: Tabled until next meeting.

9. Building and Field:

A. Barn:

Door finished today and lockable from the inside with no handle outside (needs weatherstripping).

Motion to approve \$50 for weatherstripping to complete the door, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

B. Concessions Building:

Need to winterize after Halloween (including mousetraps).

Motion to spend up to \$150 for winterizing the Concessions Building made by Dave Stone, seconded by Josh Woodward and carried unanimously.

C. Turf:

Roll of turf unrolled and found middle cutup (too late to send back). Cut in half, rolled up and stored in the barn for installation in the spring.

D. Security: Barn is secure.

10. Chaplin Day:

A. Bands:

Sound Guy and 357 Band booked. Jeff Burnham and the Insiders is available for Chaplin Day for \$750.

Motion to book Jeff Burnham and the Insiders for Chaplin Day for \$750, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Josh Woodward and carried unanimously.

B. Activities:

Discussed: Linda Caron and crew, free play cornhole, Fire Department presentation with water cannon, finding funds for fireworks, fishing tournament.

C. Lawnmower Races: Pitched multi-use BMX track for the softball field to the 1st Selectman (concerns with liability – checking with CIRMA).

D. Vendors:

Spreadsheet (created by Chandler Rose) with every registered business in Chaplin to send out mailers for vendors for Chaplin Day – yard signs or banners for businesses that sponsor or advertise (also send to bigger businesses out-of-town).

Food trucks: Taco la Rosa (look for Pizza Truck and Chicken Tenders & Fries Truck).

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (7:38 PM) made by Josh Woodward, seconded by Dave Stone and carried unanimously.

***Respectfully submitted by
Kathleen Scott, Recording Clerk***