

CHAPLIN RECREATION COMMISSION

Chaplin Town Hall

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2024

Chair Dave Stone called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Members present: Amie Kraemer (Treasurer), Danny Cates, Charlie Harakaly. Audience: Nicole Mott, Justin Brodeur, Freyja Brodeur.

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Secretary's Report:

Motion to table the minutes to next month, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report:

General Fund (\$3,399.96); Special Revenue (\$7,487.26 - about \$5,000 to be deposited) as of end of Nov.

6. Membership: Currently have 7 members (would love to have audience members join if interested).

7. 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule:

Discussed changing meeting to 1st Monday or 1st Wednesday of the month at 6pm.

Motion to set the Rec Commission 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule for the 1st Monday of each month at 6pm at the Chaplin Town Hall, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

8. Sports

A. Basketball:

1. Pictures:

Proposal received from Vera Leigh Photography for basketball pictures (she takes care of everything with cost to the parents).

Motion to approve proposal from Vera Leigh Photography for basketball pictures, made by Dave Stone, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

2. Hampton/Chaplin Alliance:

Started with complaint about paying too much for the Basketball program (\$120 for Hampton and Scotland, \$100 for Chaplin - Chaplin taxpayers fund the program every year). Hampton reached out to work with Chaplin and help financially (asked them to do banquet and awards for this year). Dave Stone suggested a structured program with President, Vice-President, Secretary, Uniforms Manager, Players Manager, Schedules Manager and proposed 3 Rec members from each Commission to run the program.

3. General/Other:

Complaints received from parents about refs (looking into other leagues). All but 3 families paid.

B. Soccer: Tabled to next month.

9. Activities

A. Summer Concert Series/Events:

Heartland scheduled for July 12th. Whiskey Boulevard cancelled for August 2nd, Windham Concert Band is available for \$600 with dates of June 28th (June 29th rain date), July 5th (July 6 rain date) or July 26th.

Motion to book Windham Concert Band on June 28th for \$600, made by Danny Cates, seconded by Charlie Harakaly and carried unanimously.

- B. Cornhole:** Registrations went out – 4 Teams (Sundays) and 4 Singles (Wednesdays) signed up so far.
- C. Light/N Up Chaplin:** Cancelled with no signups.
- D. Other Activities:** Ice Rink being installed under the Pavillion (great for the kids).

10. Building and Field:

- A. Park Signage and Policies:** Park signage needs to be updated.
Motion to spend up to \$350 from the General Fund to update Park Signage, made by Charlie Harakaly, seconded by Danny Cates and carried unanimously.
- B. Canine Park Ambassador(s):**
Guy Vertefeuille walks his little dog “Poochie” in the park several times a day and would like to make a sweater that says Chaplin Rec Garrison Park Ambassador (needs to follow park rules - must be on a leash and picked up after).
- C. General/Other:** Need to move soda out of Concessions building to keep from freezing.

11. Chaplin Day:

- A. Bands:** Looking for 1 more band – Amie suggested Nick Bosse (Dave will reach out).
- B. Activities:** Fire Department, Fishing Tournament, Cornhole.
- C. Lawnmower Races:** They are coming (Danny will follow up).
- D. Vendors:**
Registrations about ready to send out for Food Trucks and Vendors with letter to all businesses to solicit sponsorships.

12. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (7:20 PM) made by Danny Cates, seconded by Amie Kraemer and carried unanimously.

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