

**Town of Chester  
Recreation Commission Meeting  
Monday, July 23, 2018  
Municipal Complex  
Approved Minutes**

**I. Preliminaries**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Chairperson Trask called the meeting to order for the Town of Chester Recreation Commission (RC) at 7:37 pm.

**1.2 Roll Call**

RC members present:

Michelle Trask, Chairperson  
Kendra Kearney  
Kevin Kistler  
Melinda Mafera  
Maria Oakley  
Rick Pike

RC members absent:

Leslie Hammond, Vice Chairperson  
Jeremy Owens - BOS Liaison

Staff present:

Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director

**II. Review and Approve minutes from July 9, 2018 meeting.**

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the July 9, 2018 meeting.

Line 59 had "New" changed to "Old".

Line 98 was reworded to say, "initially didn't realize the portable had burned until Ms. Reishus reported it on Monday."

Line 131 had "and the Commission does not feel painting of the MPR floors is warranted at this time" added.

Chair Trask made a motion to accept the July 9, 2018 minutes as amended; Mr. Pike seconded the motion. Motion approved, 4-0-2, Ms. Oakley and Ms. Mafera abstained.

**III. Reports**

Ms. Reishus noted that the fourth quarter revenues had been received from finance. She said that she will have the information ready regarding the report at the August meeting.

**IV. Old Business**

**4.1 Chester Academy Gym Usage**

Ms. Reishus said that the discussion of this topic is on the agenda for the August meeting.

#### **4.2     *Fall Soccer***

Ms. Reishus noted that the fall soccer registration is open. She said that the soccer board held a meeting last Wednesday, but that they did not vote on Soccer Board positions. Ms. Reishus explained that they decided to vote at the next meeting when all the existing Board members will be present.

The Commission discussed the Town fields. Ms. Reishus stated that the Town maintenance is aware of the Town fields' condition.

The Commission discussed four-year-old kids playing. Chair Trask explained that if a parent wants to sign up a four-year-old, the parent must coach that team.

#### **4.3     *Summer Program***

Ms. Reishus said that there are three weeks remaining for the program. She noted that the counselors would like to have a dance on the last day of the program, as they did last year.

When asked by Mr. Kistler how the program was going, Ms. Reishus said that the kids are having fun.

Ms. Oakley stated that the facilities have some issues; she explained that during rainy days the spaces are not adequate for the large group for the whole day of camp.

Ms. Oakley said that they need more tables at which the campers can eat lunch.

The Commission discussed options for getting more tables.

The Commission discussed the Wason Pond facilities available to the campers during rainy days and the activities available to the campers during those days.

The Commission discussed the options of canceling camp versus keeping the camp open on a rainy day.

Ms. Reishus reviewed with the Commission all the games and activities that have been purchased and are available.

Ms. Reishus suggested that the Commission start thinking about survey questions for this year's parent and camper survey.

#### **4.4     *Town Fair***

Ms. Reishus said that the next Town Fair meeting is Thursday, July 26, at 7:00 pm. She noted that they will be finalizing the entertainment for the fair.

#### **4.5     *MPR – Water Cooler***

Ms. Reishus said that the new Town maintenance person had asked what the Commission would like to do about the MPR water cooler. She said that she asked him to get a quote from a plumber to cap the water bubbler off, removing it. Ms. Reishus said that the cost isn't in the budget.

The Commission asked if it would be possible to put in a new one that can refill water bottles.

Ms. Reishus said that the options are to remove it or leave it as is until they have a better solution.

Ms. Reishus said that she will look into a new water fountain as soon as she has the time.

## **VI. New Business**

### **6.1 Recreation Commission Renewal of Appointment**

Ms. Reishus said that Ms. Kearney has been sworn in with the Town clerk.

Ms. Reishus noted that Chair Trask term ends on July 31, 2018.

Chair Trask said that she will get sworn in August.

Ms. Reishus said that moving forward, the staggered terms will all end on May 31.

Ms. Reishus reviewed the term dates for the Commission members:

Ms. Oakley and Ms. Mafera – term ends 2019

Mr. Kistler, Ms. Hammond, and Mr. Pike – term ends 2020

Ms. Kearney and Ms. Trask – term ends 2021.

### **6.2 Budget Training Workshop**

Ms. Reishus informed that Commission that she will be attending a free budget workshop in Sandown with a couple of other department heads.

### **6.3 Stevens Hall/ Chester Historical/ Dances**

Ms. Reishus discussed the “place of assembly” inspections that are being conducted by the fire department and the possible impact on events held at Stevens Hall.

### **6.4 Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area**

Ms. Reishus informed the Commission that the BOS is scheduled to have the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area on their agenda for Public comment during the mid-August BOS meeting.

Mr. Kistler asked what the issues are being discussed.

Ms. Reishus stated that the issues are drugs, portables, vandalism to portables, and gates versus no gates.

Ms. Reishus informed the Commission that the BOS has voted in a speed limit of 5 mph at Wason. She explained that if one is driving faster than 5 mph one will be ticketed, once the signs are posted.

## **VII Other**

### **7.1 Spring Hill Farm**

Ms. Oakley briefed the Commission on the Spring Hill Farm. She discussed the haying at the farm.

Ms. Oakley informed the Commission that the Spring Hill Farm are considering having a Fall Festival on October 13. She said that they will have artisan type people set up, such as brewers, and cheese

makers. Ms. Oakley said the festival would be to have the Public come and see the improvements that have been made at the farm.

## **7.2 Adult Soccer**

Mr. Kistler asked about details of organizing an adult soccer group through Blue Sombrero.

## **VIII Adjournment**

Chairperson Trask adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Recording Secretary,  
Molly Qualters

Next Meeting – August 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm.