

**Town of Chester
Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2020
Municipal Complex
Approved Minutes**

I. Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order

Chair Kistler called the meeting to order for the Town of Chester Recreation Commission (RC) at 7:41 PM.

1.2 Roll Call

RC members present:

Kevin Kistler, Chair
Michelle Trask, Vice-Chair
Kendra Kearney
Leslie Hammond
Maria Oakley

RC members absent:

Melinda Mafera
Jeremy Owens, BOS Liaison

Staff present:

Recreation Director Corinna Reishus

Guests:

II. Review and Approve Minutes from January 27, 2020 meeting

The Commission reviewed the minutes from January 27, 2020 and suggested edits.

Vice-Chair Trask motioned to accept the January 27, 2020 minutes, as edited. Ms. Hammond seconded the motion. A vote was taken, Ms. Kearney abstained, the motion passed 3-0-1.

III. Reports

3.1 Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee (SHFAC)

Mrs. Oakley reported the Committee is working on RFPs for the high tunnel and haying on both pieces of property. Mr. Fournier donated \$800. The Committee is looking to resolve the issue of opening the house which may not be eligible for the historic registry. James Piper resigned and the Committee is looking for a new member to replace him. The Committee has nine voting members.

Mrs. Reishus reported the Trustees have been cleaning out the barn.

Mrs. Oakley would like to figure out the layout for the Fall Festival.

3.2 Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Commission (WPCRC)

Mrs. Reishus reported PSNH repaired the lines out there from the fallen tree.

The WPCRC discussed permits for parking and are not in favor of bringing that forward.

3.3 Revolving Account

Mrs. Reishus indicated that the outstanding transfers to the General Account for the current fiscal year were finally made by the Town Treasurer on January 17th in the amount of \$46,906.28.

IV. Old Business

4.1 Recreation Commission Members and Appointments

Mrs. Reishus reported Mrs. Oakley has been sworn in and Ms. Hammond still needs to be. Ms. Mafera needs to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

4.2 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)/Impact Fees Pending Projects

(a) Wason Pond Picnic Tables

Mrs. Reishus reported the picnic tables were ordered for a March 31st delivery date.

(b) MPR Sports Netting

Mrs. Reishus indicated she is still waiting to hear about the date for the netting installation.

(c) MPR Water Bottle Filling Station

The plumber is meeting with maintenance regarding the demo work for installation. The work will need to be completed by June 30th.

(d) Fitness Trail

Mrs. Reishus reported the Fitness Trail is still being researched.

4.3 Recreation Software/Online Registration

Mrs. Reishus reported Sports Direct is now Blue Sombrero. Sports Engine is \$69/mo. plus \$1.00 per transaction. Blue Sombrero is still cheaper.

Ms. Hammond recommended splitting the cost between basketball and soccer for Sports Engine.

4.4 Youth Fitness Program

(a) Basketball

Mrs. Reishus reported that the basketball playoffs began this week for the middle level program. The skillz competition for the middle level players and the 3/4 grade division ends this week. The K-2 and High School program goes until mid-March.

(b) Winter Futsal

Mrs. Reishus indicated that the program started and there was interest for a younger division. There are now three groups: 3/4 graders, 5/6 graders and 7/8/9 graders.

(c) Spring Field Hockey

Mrs. Reishus reported that the new spring field hockey clinic registration will be open March 1st.

(d) Soccer

Mrs. Reishus discussed purchasing of U8 Goals either through the Revolving Account under Soccer or requesting use of Impact Fees for this purpose. It was agreed that the funds will come out of the Revolving Account. The Soccer Club is looking for 2 sets. Mrs. Reishus received an estimate from the company who brought in the other nets and Ms. Hammond will do some further research on options.

V. New Business

5.1 Chester Recreation Summer Program

Mrs. Reishus suggested the summer program be run June 29th – August 7th to be consistent with last year's program. The RC would like the program to be a little longer. There was discussion regarding the need to increase the fees in order to accommodate for the extra days, increase of pay and to continue with the program paying for the field trips. The RC agreed that the fees would remain the same as last year with the dates of the program running June 24th through August 7th.

The RC would like to take the meeting scheduled for March to go over to the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area to do a walk-thru of the property (tentatively scheduled for March 23rd) and report back at the next scheduled meeting in April.

VI. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 13, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Chair Kistler adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Hoijer,
Recording Secretary