

**Town of Chester
Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, September 10, 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 7:34 pm.

1.2 Roll Call

RC members present:

Michelle Trask, Chairperson
Leslie Hammond, Vice Chairperson
Kevin Kistler
Maria Oakley
Rick Pike
Jeremy Owens- BOS Liaison

RC members absent:

Kendra Kearney
Melinda Mafera

Staff present:

Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director

II. Review and Approve minutes from August 27, 2018 meeting.

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the August 27, 2018 meeting.

Chair Trask made a motion to accept the August 27, 2018 minutes as presented; Vice Chair Hammond seconded the motion. Motion approved, 3-0-2, Ms. Oakley and Mr. Pike abstained.

III. Old Business

3.1 Chester Academy Gym Usage

Ms. Reishus noted that the Recreation Commission is scheduled on the School Board agenda to present on Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

The Commission discussed who will be attending the School Board meeting.

Mr. Owens explained that they will be discussing with the School Board what the policy is moving forward; he noted the issue is not about individual teams, but about what the policy is for the use of Town taxpayer funded facilities, who has priority. He noted that the discussion needs to be about the policy for tax dollars and how facilities are used. Mr. Owens said that if the School Board policy does not give priority to the Recreation programs, all the Recreation programs need to be accommodated, and there are limitations and constraints the Recreation Commission has with the current facilities. He said the Recreation Commission would have to go to the Town and request an additional facility to provide

Recreation programs for the growing Town.

IV. Reports - None

V. New Business

5.1 Soccer Program - Soccer Netting Replacement

Chair Trask explained that the netting used at the Town Fields, that had been donated by the Chester Academy Boosters in 2012, is missing and cannot be found. She said Town Maintenance puts up and takes down the net. Chair Trask said that Chester Academy and the Recreation programs use the net.

The Commission discussed who should be responsible for paying for the new net.

Vice Chair Hammond said the net costs \$903.96.

Mr. Owens explained that the Town doesn't pay for the replacement of donated items.

Chair Trask made a motion to use \$903.96 from the CIP to purchase the soccer netting from the CA Boosters; Ms. Oakley seconded the motion. Motion approved, 4-0-1, Mr. Kistler abstained.

Recreation Soccer Equipment Use by Chester Academy

Ms. Reishus pointed out that if the Recreation Soccer Equipment is used by the school there needs to be a trail because if someone were to get hurt, the Recreation program is liable. She noted that this is Town policy.

Recreation Soccer Program

Vice Chair Hammond updated the Commission on the fall recreation program.

5.2 Annual Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Update

Ms. Reishus said that she will not be in attendance for the next Recreation Commission. She said that the Commission will need to review the CIP.

The Commission agreed to have the Recreation Commission meeting on Monday, September 24, 2018, without Ms. Reishus.

VI Other

Mr. Kistler gave an update on the Wason Pond Conservation Commission. He noted that they are interested in building a pavilion at Wason Pond.

Ms. Oakley gave an update on Spring Hill Farm, and the planned Fall Festival on October 13, 2018.

VII Adjournment

Chairperson Trask adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary,
Molly Qualters

Next Meeting – September 24, 2018 at 7:30 pm.