

**Town of Chester
Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, September 24, 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 7:3 pm.

1.2 Roll Call

RC members present:

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

Staff absent:

Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director

II. Review and Approve minutes from September 10, 2018 meeting.

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the September 10, 2018 meeting.

Line 49 had "are" added the sentence.

Line 106 had the date changed to "September 24, 2018."

Chair Trask made a motion to accept the September 10, 2018 minutes as amended; Vice Chair Hammond seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0-2, Ms. Mafera and Mr. Pike abstained.

III. Old Business

3.1 Chester Academy Gym Usage

The Commission discussed the outcome of the meeting with the School Board regarding gym usage.

Mr. Pike said the meeting went fine. He said that a good suggestion came out of the meeting to split the gym and have two teams run practices at the same time.

Mr. Pike said that the Town will eventually exceed the limited space for the Recreation activities. He noted that in the short term they can come to a reasonable solution to make the situation work by moving some Recreation activities around in the MPR and splitting the gym.

Mr. Pike said he will be speaking directly with the other group and working out the space for the teams.

IV. Reports - None

V. New Business

5.1 Soccer Update

Chair Trask explained that the soccer field has much standing water on one area that continues to get worse.

Vice Chair Hammond noted that the field is still wet after rain last week. She said she was told of a product that can absorb standing water.

The Commission discussed the field problem, ways to improve field drainage, and the product that can absorb the water.

The Commission discussed the best way to get rid of rodents from the soccer shed at the Wason field.

The Commission discussed the "Under the Lights" soccer games.

5.2 Baseball/Softball Update

Chair Trask gave an update to the Commission on the status of the baseball projects. She noted that the mounds and the dug-outs will be completed and repaired this fall.

Chair Trask said that the infields will not be completed this fall. She explained that she had a discussion with the Baseball group and that because of a volunteer backing out, more funds need to be raised.

5.3 Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Committee Meeting Update

Mr. Kistler noted that his term is up and he does not want to renew for a new term.

Vice Chair Hammond explained that the meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Mafera volunteered to be on the committee.

VI CIP

The Commission had much discussion planning the Recreation CIP projects.

Vice Chair Hammond kept records of the changes to the distributed to Ms. Reishus.

VII Adjournment

Chairperson Trask adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary,
Molly Qualters

Next Meeting – October 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm.