

**Town of Chester
Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, April 9, 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 7:31 pm.

1.2 Roll Call

RC members present:

Michelle Trask, Chairperson
Leslie Hammond, Vice Chairperson
Melinda Mafera
Maria Oakley
Rick Pike

RC members absent:

Kevin Kistler
Jeremy Owens- BOS Liaison

Staff present:

Corinna Reishus, Recreation Director

Others present:

Josh Cilley, Fly By Disc Golf, Course Coordinator

II. Review and Approve minutes from March 26, 2018 meeting.

The Commission reviewed the minutes from March 26, 2018.

Line 149 had "ballfield goals" changed to "ballfield lining equipment." Line 178 had "the Town sponsored" added before "Recreation..."

Chair Trask made a motion to accept the March 26, 2018 minutes as amended; Ms. Oakley seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0-0.

Mr. Josh Cilley joined the Commission at the meeting table for a discussion at 7:32 pm. (See New Business, Fly By Disc Golf, 5.1.)

III. Reports

3.1 Financial Account Balances

Ms. Reishus distributed to the Commission the balance sheets for the two Recreation financial accounts; the Commission reviewed and discussed the Recreation accounts.

Ms. Reishus noted that the playground fence needs significant repairs, but that currently the playground

has enough mulch for this year. She suggested that the money budgeted for the mulch be put towards the playground fence repairs.

She presented to the Commission quotes for the repairs to the fence.

Chairperson Trask made a motion to replace the damaged black vinyl fence on the road side for an estimated \$1300 at the playground, using funds from the Wason Pond Recreation Playground budget line; Mr. Pike seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0-0.

Chairperson Trask made a motion to replace the wooden side of the playground fence with black vinyl fence with a gate for approximately \$1700, using funds from the Recreation Revolving account; Ms. Mafera seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0-0.

Vice Chair Hammond made a motion to replace what was broken by purchasing two carport white tents using funds from the Recreation Revolving Account in the amount of approximately \$300.00; Ms. Oakley seconded the motion. Motion approved, 5-0-0.

IV. Old Business

4.1 Chester Academy Gym Usage

Mr. Owens was not present. Discussion of Chester Academy gym usage was held until next meeting when Mr. Owens can review information with the Commission.

V. New Business

5.1 Fly By Disc Golf

Mr. Cilley explained that his company, Fly By Disc Golf, is looking for an area to hold a three-day public disc golf event on June 22-24, where they would set up a temporary disc golf course for the three days. He noted that the disc golf cages are not affixed or anchored to the ground; when they are done with the event, they pack up and leave the area exactly as when they arrived with no alterations to the land.

Mr. Cilley said that he had been advised to possibly use Wason Pond.

Ms. Reishus and the Commission suggested Spring Hill Farm as an option. They said that Spring Hill Farm would have fewer Public using the area in June, with open fields and wooded trails better suited for disc golf.

Mr. Cilley said that last year when they held a similar event, they brought in a couple hundred people over a two-day event. He said that the course can have 72 people at a time playing, so the number of people playing is spread out over time.

Ms. Reishus showed Mr. Cilley a map of the Spring Hill Farm.

Ms. Reishus said that she will get Mr. Cilley on the Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee, and show him around the Spring Hill property.

Mr. Cilley departed the meeting at 7:57 pm.

5.2 Field Use

Ms. Reishus noted that the groundskeeper has determined that the Town fields are too wet to be used

now, and as such, Ms. Reishus has not released the Town fields for use yet.

5.3 Portables

Ms. Reishus reviewed with the Commission the annual rental of portables. She noted that she brings them in on the Friday before vacation.

She and the Commission discussed the number of portables they will need for this year and where to put them this year. They agreed that since they are not holding spring soccer and will not be using the fields this spring for any recreation programs, they will only need one portable (handicapped portable) at the playground until the summer program starts.

IV Other

6.1 Summer Program

The Commission discussed ideas for the Summer Program field trips off-site and on-site entertainment ideas that will be brought to the camp.

The Commission discussed Vice Chair Hammond's idea of purchasing kayaks for use at Wason Pond.

Ms. Mafera gave the Commission advice on establishing rules and regulations for use of kayaks.

The Commission discussed benches and bleachers for the Wason Pond fields.

6.2 Wason Pond and Recreation Commission Meeting

Vice Chair Hammond gave the Commission an update on the meeting.

The Commission discussed the Wason Pond and Recreation Commission's idea for a pavilion at Wason Pond.

Next Meeting scheduled for May 7, 2018

VI. Adjournment

Chairperson Trask adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recording Secretary,
Molly Qualters