

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JUNE 8, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission was convened at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)	Kevin Bellows
Vincent Lipinski	Richard Moore
Marie Petitti	Nancy Walsh
Matthew Caron	Michael Travisano

Also,
Stuart McCarthy, Parks and Recreation Director

Guests:

Jen Liebowitz, 25 Koger Road, Eagles Lacrosse
Lori Lewis, 29 Columbine Drive, Trumbull United Soccer
Byron Campbell, 49 Woodlawn Drive, Trumbull AYSO
James Conroy, 225 Pinewood Trail, Squash Bucklers Lacrosse
James McAleavey, 7 Bunker Hill Drive, Squash Bucklers Lacrosse
Ted Chase, 27 Francis Street, President Trumbull Youth Lacrosse
Mitzi Goldberg, 71 Johnson Street, Tashua Pool User
Vickie Tesoro, 133 Beechwood Avenue, Dist. 3 Town Council Rep., Pickle Ball
Dan Pechtoll, 10 Trailwood Lane, Pickle Ball

Chairman welcomed and introduced Trumbull's new Parks and Recreation Director, Stuart McCarthy, to the meeting.

Public Comments:

Jen Liebowitz, Eagles Lacrosse:

Received approval for scheduling at the May meeting. They are a summer lacrosse team, playing for four years. She reported that Trumbull Youth Lacrosse will receive the Eagles summer program under its 501c3 umbrella to provide for older kids wishing to continue play through the summer.

- Open to Trumbull residents, only grades 8 thru 12
- No-Cut Policy
- Estimating 75 players, Rosters to be provided after registration.
- From Mid-June through August 17th.
- Boys Tuesday and Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Girls Monday and Fridays 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Trumbull High #1 or Indian Ledge #2.

Ted Chase, Trumbull Youth Lacrosse:

Stated that TYL players are typically to eighth grade. TYL has wanted to provide opportunity for older kids to play under guidance of good coaches, not about competitive, who will be playing boys high school lacrosse. Eagles is already doing something and TYL will support their program as an extension of TYL providing insurance, background checks, no-cut policy and requiring 100 percent residency (to graduates 2018/2019). Cost will be \$500 each player which covers tournament, uniforms, balls, coaches. (Field space if not approved under TYL program will add to cost).

Jen Liebowitz stated they are requesting to play on either the turf or grass field at Indian Ledge Park Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00/7:00 p.m. or 7:00/8:00 p.m. Currently 15/20 players; they will be encouraging more to play with email blast and newspaper.

Lori Lewis, Trumbull United Soccer:

Trumbull United is requesting Summer Open Play sessions for boys and girls ages U9-HS, Mondays and Wednesdays from July 1st through August 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Indian Ledge Turf and Grass Fields. The program will have the assistance of local high school players for the younger age groups. Players will be grouped by age for small-sided games. There is no cost to participants. They carry additional insurance covering registered players not in regular program. Open to all who play for Trumbull United, AYSO or any other resident.

John Conroy, and James McAleavey, Squash Bucklers Lacrosse:

They are a small team as an extension of TYL, 7th graders, U13 Class of 2020. Don't fall under TYL's Program. Would like field time a couple nights a week, not a 501c3, just kids enthusiastic about the game, open to anyone who's interested in joining. This is third year of program, 26/27 participants, charge \$495. Would like to start by next week through end of July, two nights on turf field. Background checks current under TYL program and they provide their own insurance. They are similar to Eagles Lacrosse. In the past they have paid for use of fields. Would also like to become an extension of TYL. They have not as yet discussed acceptance under the Trumbull Youth Lacrosse Program.

Mitzi Goldberg, Tashua Pool concerns:

Reiterated resident group concerns stated last summer season with reference to the installation of the pool slide at Tashua Pool. Complained about condition changes brought upon adult pool users who feel uncomfortable with the addition of the slide, ie. noise from water pump generator, reconfiguration of the lap lines and children lining up for use which interferes with adult solitude at the pool. Suggested limiting slide use to half hours in the a.m., early afternoon and late afternoon, close slide for a day each week, or removing the slide.

Commissioners noted the slide has been a very popular addition to the pool and that Tashua is a large pool; and, immediately following last year's complaints the lap lanes were reconfigured and adult swim time continues.

Vickie Tesoro and Dan Pechtoll, Pickle Ball:

Here for up-date on lining of a tennis court for pickle ball.

Chairman noted that back on March 11, 2013 the Commission approved lining one court with a rubberized tape at Unity Park for Pickle Ball play which users have not activated. There was discussion at last month's meeting on the high cost quote to permanently line one court as well as possibly changing the location to the Nothnagle court area. Trumbull's tennis courts are a composite vinyl membrane over asphalt resulting in the higher cost to have them lined under the warranty requirements.

The Director stated that if approved by the Commission, lining two courts for Pickle Ball at the contractor quoted price can be accomplished under the new fiscal budget, July 1, 2015.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second by Mrs. Petitti, unanimously passed to close Public Comments.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second by Dr. Travisano, unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2015 meeting with a change to the motion on use of drones by removing the words "populated areas within any" and word "system", as follows:

MOTION by Mr. Lipinski, second by Mrs. Petitti, unanimously passed that no flying apparatus whatsoever are to be flown over any Trumbull park without the express permission of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst concerning Wagner Tree Farm Property requesting the Parks and Recreation Commission consider the acceptance of the former Wagner Tree Farm property and all buildings located thereon as part of the Trumbull Parks System. The Trumbull Nature and Arts Center currently resides on this property. A 501c3 has been formed for the benefit of TNAC. As with all other 501c3's utilizing facilities of the Trumbull Parks System, the acceptance of this parcel as parkland will allow for the ability to administer the Park Ordinances, security and health requirements and provision of relevant program information as all system users provide through the Parks and Recreation Facilities Use Policy.

MOTION by Mr. Lipinski, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed the Parks and Recreation Commission request the First Selectman to have the Trumbull Town Council consider the acceptance of the former Wagner Tree Farm Property and all buildings located thereon as part of the Trumbull Parks System.

Old Business:

Trumbull AYSO and Trumbull United Soccer Programs for the 2015-2016 season.

The Director met with representatives of the two organizations individually and jointly related to the AYSO proposal for an AYSO Academy Program. Based on those discussions, he recommended the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the request on a limited basis with specified conditions to further encourage the parties to continue positive discussions related to serving the local soccer community in the best manner possible.

MOTION by Mrs. Walsh, second by Mr. Caron, unanimously passed to approve AYSO request to conduct an Academy Program on a limited basis with the following conditions:

- Trumbull AYSO limit the program for the 2015-16 season to children in the U7 and U8 age groups.
- Trumbull AYSO and Trumbull United will work cooperatively and share information necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and the impact on existing programs.
- Any future expansion of the program beyond U8 age group will require review and approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Pickle Ball Request:

Following discussion the following decision was made for the lining of tennis courts to allow for Pickle Ball play.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, seconds by Mr. Moore and Mrs. Petitti, and passed (Mr. Lipinski and Dr. Travisano abstained) that after the new Fiscal begin of July 1, 2015, the Director shall have two tennis courts at Unity Park lined to allow for Pickle Ball play.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second Dr. Travisano, unanimously passed to allow Eagles Lacrosse, accepted under the umbrella of Trumbull Youth Lacrosse under the Facilities Use Policy, to conduct its Summer Program as presented with scheduling of available facilities through the Recreation Department.

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MOTION by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Caron, unanimously passed **to Table** Squash Bucklers Lacrosse request for field use scheduling until such time as they are accepted as an extension of Trumbull Youth Lacrosse and present required documents of the Facilities Use Policy; in the interim, they should reserve available space through the Recreation Department and pay the required fee.

Tashua Pool Slide:

Director will monitor this facility and submit his recommendations.

Director's Report:

Chairman thanked the new Director for joining the meeting and stated he will receive the utmost cooperation from this Commission.

Director touched upon a list of priorities developing for his attention:

- Department has a huge scope of responsibilities at the administrative level.
- Field Use Policy review is planned to be available to the Commission prior to the February requests for facilities date which will incorporate:
 - Transition of traditional seasons for sports groups.
 - Scheduling allocations.
 - Commission sanctions.
- Financial and Operational Audit by Matrix Company to begin this week.
- Accounts to be identified and segregated with quarterly or semi-annual Reports to the Commission.
- Will provide a full reporting of summer programs in November

Commissioners noted several items to be included:

- Field lights remaining on well into the night beyond fields and courts use.
- Abraham Nichols Park Historic Barn repair Special Agency Account fund transfer.

Superintendent

- Working to get facilities open for summer season.
- Beach pool building repair and re-pavement completed.
- Shade canopies in place.
- Tennis courts repaired from winter damage.

Director indicated that Capitol funds are in place for more extensive repairs to Beach Pool beginning this coming fall. The bid has contingencies for damage beneath pool liner.

Concession bid in place for two years. Upgrade for Tashua Concession being discussed.

Recreation Manager

- Department has distributed 9,000 parking stickers so far this season.
- School closings have required relocating of playgrounds to different schools.
- Pisces will be cancelled due to boiler repair at Hillcrest Pool.

Director is reviewing for consideration:

- Rates for Recreational Programs which have not been upgraded in many years.
- Credit Card use and on-line registrations to reduce office traffic and incorporate incentives.
- Regional network programs being offered which may facilitate registrations and scheduling.

MOTION to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Lipinski, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe,
Administrative Clerical Assistant

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