

**Board of Recreation
UN-Approved Minutes
March 11, 2015**

The Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by Larry Fitzgerald, seconded by Mary Gluck @ 7:09 P.M. Unanimous

Board Members Present: Larry Fitzgerald, Mary Gluck, Mary Witham, and Joanne Kenney

Board Members Absent: Mike Palmerie, Jr., Dean Accetura and Meloria Stenson

Also Present: Christopher Moffo, Director of Parks and Recreation

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by M. Witham and seconded by J. Kenney to approve the minutes of February 11, 2015. Unanimous.

Guest/Public Participation:

Chairman Fitzgerald gave the Board an update as to the discussion that took place at the previous evening's meeting of the Town Council's Budget Workshop. Chairman Fitzgerald advised that the Town Council approved \$202,460.00 for the Recreation budget. Chairman Fitzgerald stated that the Mayor cut \$30,100.00 from the budget which would come out of Park Development. Chairman Fitzgerald advised that Councilwoman Graveline asked C. Moffo to seek grants for the Parks and Recreation and to notify the Council so that they may revisit the Budget.

Chairman Fitzgerald advised of the course of action for Director C. Moffo to take for the Recreation Department:

- To seek availability of grants for the Parks
- To get pricing for:
 - Repairs to Basketball and Tennis Courts
 - Repairs to Skating Rink and Skate Park
 - Repairs and Replacements to Field of Dreams
 - New 2nd Basketball Court at Hotchkiss
 - Pavilion/stage area at Hotchkiss

Director C. Moffo advised that he is currently working on a potential grant for the security system at Hotchkiss.

Correspondence/Payment of Bills: C. Moffo reviewed bills paid. C. Moffo requested a motion to approve the payments of bills received. **Motion made by M. Witham, seconded by J. Kenney to approve the payment of bills received. Unanimous.**

Director's Report Reviewed:

Swim Program: Open Swim ongoing until the week before April vacation with approximately 30 participants

C. Moffo spoke with Ms. Longo, formerly of Post University, to offer swim lessons following April vacation

Programs: Casey Stevens will begin Tap and Ballet classes for all ages in April

C. Moffo stated that the Department may be offering Aerobic Classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with Ms. Susan Pettas.

C. Moffo advised that the Department may be offering new activities for the Spring months thru Bergamo Martial Arts: Adult Self Defense and Athletic Performance training.

Coach Phipps of WRHS would like to offer two clinics to be held at the high school: A position specific skills clinic over April vacation which would be held during the day. Also a strength and conditioning program, for those athletes in 7 & 8 Grade.

C. Moffo met with Ms. Sandra Fernandez in regards to her latest proposal for a Study Skills and Essay writing program.

C. Moffo will be meeting with Carl Bond of NFL Flag Football on Thursday to discuss a program for the youth of Prospect.

C. Moffo and Lori Kennedy are working out the details to this year's Playground Camp. This year the two camps will be combined. At this time they are scheduling bus trips and weekly entertainment. C. Moffo advised that there will be some growing pains with this new program, but he stated that he feels they are on the right tract to developing an outstanding summer program. C. Moffo noted that the Science Museum and Quassy are two locations that have been contacted for field trips.

Basketball: Youth Basketball will end this weekend with the Middle School's championship being played on Friday at WRHS vs Beacon Falls.

The High School Basketball league will continue for a few more weeks with the playoffs taking place at the end of the month.

C. Moffo stated that he is currently in discussions with Beacon Falls to combine the Youth Basketball programs. At this point, they are in the beginning stages and after the season ends, there will be further discussions for detail.

C. Moffo advised that on Saturday, March 21st, there will be a 2nd Annual Karen Depalma 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Currently, numbers are low.

Youth Football: They are considering expanding to 5 teams this fall. Youth football would like access to Caplan Park for additional practice time

Pat Gibson has approached the Department for use of gym space for his speed and agility program for AYFL. The program is currently held in Naugatuck and he would like to see if it is possible for this program to be offered in Prospect or at WRHS.

Bus Trips: Due to cost and participation, bus trips have not been offered over the past several years. C. Moffo has contacted area towns as to which companies they might use. C. Moffo has advised that My Fun Bus and Tours of Distinction are companies of interest to offer some trips.

Miscellaneous: The Prospect Lions Club has contacted the Department for their 2015 5K Road Race. A motion was made for a contribution. **Motion made by M. Gluck, seconded by J. Kenney to donate \$500.00 to the Prospect Lions Club for the 2015 5K Road Race. Unanimous.**

The Brass City Brew has contacted C. Moffo to use the Baseball Field this spring and summer for 8 home games. The games would begin in May and run through July.

Old Business:

Repairs to Basketball and Tennis Courts
Repairs to Skating Rink and Skate Park
Repairs and Replacements to Field of Dreams
New 2nd Basketball Court at Hotchkiss
Pavilion/stage area at Hotchkiss
Summer Camp

New Business:

Fees for Summer Camp and Salaries

C. Moffo proposed to raise the summer camp fee to \$80.00 and to allow multiple week and sibling discounts. Discussion. **Motion made by M. Gluck, seconded by M. Witham to increase the fee for summer camp to \$80.00 per week. Unanimous.**

Adjournment: Motion made by M. Witham, seconded by L. Fitzgerald to adjourn the meeting. **Unanimous.** Meeting adjourned @ 8:38 P.M.

Larry Fitzgerald, Chairman

Rosalyn B. Moffo, Clerk