

**Board of Recreation  
Approved Minutes  
March 9, 2016**

The Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by M. Witham, seconded by L. Stenson @7:47 p.m.

Board members welcomed a new member, Brenda Martin.

**Board Members Present:** Mike Palmerie, Jr., Dean Accetura, Meloria (Lori) Stenson, Mary Witham, Brenda Martin and Mary Gluck

**Board Members Absent:** Joanne Kenney

**Also Present:** Christopher Moffo, Director of Parks and Recreation

**Guest/Public Participation:** None

**Correspondence/Payment of Bills:** Board members reviewed the bills that were paid and the bills received. After discussion, **Motion** made by M. Witham, seconded by L. Stenson to pay the bills received. **Unanimous.**

**Director's Report Reviewed:**

**Swim:**

Open Swim ongoing and will end in April. Discussion.

C. Moffo has contacted the American Red Cross to aid in the search for a Swim Instructor. Board members suggested contacting the Town of Cheshire for candidates and Southern Connecticut State University for a Swim Instructor.

**Programs:**

The following programs were cancelled due to low enrollment:  
Aerobic Boot Camp, Tai Chi and Fit & Tone

Computer Explorers Robotics was well attended. Computer Explorers will be holding a session of Minecraft which begins next Thursday and is currently at capacity.

Bergamo's Fit & Flow is offered on Tuesday evenings. A second session will be held in April.

Summer Camp is in the scheduling process. Due to the high demand of Prospect Elementary School, Summer Camp will probably be held at Community School this year. C. Moffo stated that based off of 100 children attending the Camp, he would like to increase the Summer Camp fee per child per week from \$80.00 to \$90.00; (discounts for multiple weeks and multiple family members are allotted). After discussion, **Motion** made by D. Accetura, seconded by M. Gluck to increase the fee by \$10.00 from \$80.00 to \$90.00 for the fee per child for Summer Camp per week. **Unanimous.**

On Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby will be held at McGrath Park from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The fish and prizes will be purchased in the same amount as last year.

C. Moffo stated that he will be contacting “Professor Egghead” for a variety of programs from Science to Engineering for the spring and summer months.

### **Basketball:**

The youth basketball program went well this season. The end of the year tournament is ongoing with the championship being played on Friday at Woodland Regional High School.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Travel program participated in the Hoop Fest Tournament again this year. This event is sponsored by the Milford Knights. The cost for us to enroll the Prospect Parks & Rec team was \$240.00

The High School Basketball League is currently up and running with 6 teams. The league will end at the end of March.

The Men’s League is close to 90 participants. The Men’s Open Gym program having well over 40 participants; play times are on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

The Karen DePalma 3 on 3 Tournament will be played on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Woodland Regional High School. T-shirts have been ordered for the first 50 participants as well as champion and officiating shirts.

### **Baseball/Softball**

Randy Allen requested of the Parks & Rec to rent out or offer the use of the Hotchkiss Field Baseball Field for AAU & AABC Baseball Tournament Scheduling for age groups of 9 to 18. Also Brass City Brew requested to schedule their 2016 season with this field as well as others. Board members stated that if the field is in use by Prospect resident teams then others could not be scheduled. The Board also stated that the men’s team use should be on Sunday mornings and not Thursday afternoons.

Board members discussed the 12U Raptors using Caplan Park and increasing the base path to 70 feet and creating a pitchers mound. The Board asked C. Moffo to contact Gene McCarthy Director of Public Works to see what would be most cost effective due to the need to move sprinkler heads; should be the use be Caplan Park or Canfield Park.

Mike Tuohy has asked to use Hotchkiss Field Baseball Field for his senior project. He would like to have a Wiffle Ball Tournament the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup> to benefit the International Myeloma Foundation for Myeloma Research.

**Soccer:**

Prospect Soccer Club has asked to purchase new soccer goals for Hotchkiss or Caplan. C. Moffo advised that the Board of Rec did not want the club to purchase the goals due to the Town would own the equipment.

Soccer will now be able to use the fenced-in field as the Public Works Department will not be able to do some of the work due to a lack of manpower.

Ms. Jess Rodrigues will be holding her senior project at Hotchkiss Field the week of April 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**Miscellaneous:**

Prospect Lion's Club has requested a donation to help with their annual road race which will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Motion** made by M. Palmerie, Jr., seconded by M. Gluck to approve a \$500.00 donation from Prospect Park & Rec to the Lyon's Club for their annual road race. **Unanimous.**

C. Moffo gave the Board a listing of surrounding Town's field use rental fees. The fees included residents, lighted and non-resident fees. The Board tabled the enclosed fees.

Atlas Fence supplied replacement parts and supplies for the netting at Hotchkiss Baseball Field which Ed the Treeman has helped to repair.

The slats on the benches of Field of Dreams are in need of repair. O'Brien and Sons has been contacted for replacement parts for 4 benches with backs and three without. The cost for all the slats is \$4,480.00. **Motion** made by D. Accetura, seconded by L. Stenson to approve the cost of \$4,480.00 for the repairs to the slats on the benches at the Field of Dreams at Hotchkiss Field. **Unanimous.**

Master Fence has been contacted to repair fencing located at the Skate Park as well as the baseball field from winter tree branch damage.

Service Master has been contacted to remove the graffiti on the dug-outs at Hotchkiss Field.

Classic Turf has supplied the Department with a quote regarding Tensioned Concrete surface for the basketball courts at Hotchkiss Field. The quote includes site work and lighting.

NJL has completed the dredging of McGrath Park pond.

**Old Business:**

Moving forward with the spending of the remaining \$65,000 from the approved Park & Rec Budget for fiscal year 2015-2016:

Bids for Security Cameras  
Bids for Resurfacing of both Tennis Courts (McGrath and Canfield)  
Bids for Paving (Walker's Path, Hotchkiss Field)  
Quote for reconditioning current Basketball Court (Hotchkiss Field)

**New Business:**

Dog Park – McGrath Park on area of old Soccer Field  
Research on Getting Parent/Child Swing

**Adjournment:** Motion made by M. Witham, seconded by M. Gluck to adjourn the meeting. **Unanimous.** Meeting adjourned @ 8:51 p.m.

*Mike Palmerie, Jr.*