PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
June 17, 2021

Meeting was at Norton Park Band Shell
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

PRESENT: Brent Davenport, Ben Gediman, Ezio Cappozzi, Donna Martin, Colin Cassidy

ABSENT: Quinn Wazorko

STAFF: Courtney Hewett, Park and Recreation Director, Jennifer Dahlstrom, Recording Secretary

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by: Ben Gediman to approve the April 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by: Ezio Capozzi

All in Favor 5 to 0   **Motion Passes**

II. ORAL PETITIONS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER –** Courtney introduced the newest member of the board, Colin. All welcomed him.

B. **SUMMER UPDATE**

1. **Summer Camp –** Camp is filled. There will be 50 campers, per week at Norton Park per session. There will be 16-24 campers at Paderewski Mini Camp, per week, per session. Courtney would like to discuss offering summer camp packages for next year.

2. **Berner Pool –** 450 pool passes have been sold. Swim lessons will take place this year, Levels 1 and 2 - there will be 4 kids per class, per session due to younger children needing additional assistance in learning basic skills. Levels 3 and 4 - 7 kids per class, per session.

    A third session was added of all levels due to increase of demand.

Pooch Pool Plunge – will take place when the pool closes at the end of August a pooch plunge will be offered to residents. There will be a limit of 100 participants. 17 have registered so far. Courtney will keep the registration open as long as she can to accommodate anyone interested.

3. **Baseball Camp –** Lou Mandeville is coordinating it. Over 45 campers participating.

4. **Hairston Sports Programs** – It is being offered for kids and teens. Courtney advertising on Facebook to increase participation.

5. **Summer Concert Series** – This year is smaller due to Covid. Park and Recreation is offering three concerts at Norton Park in June, July and August, one per month. Next year if the Covid restrictions are lifted Courtney would like to go back to 6 or so concerts.

6. **Police Suspicious Persons Training –** Courtney checked with the Police Department before the Covid restrictions were changed on May 19. She was told they could not offer classes due to Covid. Courtney to follow up for next year.

C. **REFUND POLICY UPDATE –** Courtney asked the board if it would be ok with them if she changed the refund policy amounts slightly. Her proposed changes are:

- $5.00 charge - if they cancel a program $50.00 or less
- $10.00 charge - if they cancel a program that is $50.00 to $100.00
- $20.00 charge - if they cancel a program that is over $150.00

A motion was made by: Ben Gediman to accept the changes to the Refund Policy.
Seconded by: Brent Davenport

All in Favor 5 to 0   **Motion Passes**

D. **GENERAL FIELD POLICY** – Courtney talked about the cost of renting the fields. Should the use of lights increase the rental charge? Discussion followed. Courtney to share the results of a survey on the costs of renting sports fields in the towns and cities in CT to compare prices. Courtney explained that prices vary per town or city. The girls softball league asked about using the sports fields. Should the fields be less expensive for youth under 18? Should there be a discount for multiple uses by the same organization? The board will discuss further at the next meeting in July.

E. **NEW CHAIRPERSON DISCUSSION** - Courtney asked who is interested in becoming chairperson? Enzio is interested.

A motion was made by: Ben Gediman to elect Ezio Capozzi Jr. as Chairperson.
Seconded by: Brent Davenport

All in Favor 5 to 0   **Motion Passes**

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Courtney shared that Chris Di'Tolla is no longer on the board because he is the new Building Official for the Town of Plainville. Bill Bulger resigned on May 11th.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The board unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

Recording Secretary