

**PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023**

**LOCATION: RECREATION BUILDING**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Ezio Capozzi, Andre DeGregorio, Ben Gediman, Quinn Christopher

**ABSENT:** Danielle Angelillo, Brent Davenport

**STAFF:** Courtney Hewett, Park and Recreation Director

**I. MINUTES**

**A motion was made by:** Ben Gediman to approve the August 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes as written.

**Seconded by:** Quinn Christopher

**All in Favor 4 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

**Minutes Approved**

**II. ORAL PETITIONS**

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Avenue was present. He shared a memo that the Town Manager sent to the Town Council regarding recommendations for improvements at Paderewski Park.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Stop Ball Nets for Soccer** –Courtney presented 2 options to the board. Enzo will go measure the area at Norton and report back at the next meeting. The board agrees that whichever option is selected, the nets should come down in the winter.
- B. Tilcon updates to Paderewski** - Courtney sent out pictures of the completed project. They did a great job. Tilcon might come back next year. If they come back, Courtney suggested that new, updated signage for all parks would be wonderful. She also gave them a list of capital items that would also be helpful. Ben suggested that it would be a good idea to ask them to pour the concrete and do the site work for the new pavilion. Courtney stated that the pavilion at Paderewski books up months in advance, for the summer months.

- C. **PAL Grades 7 and 8** – Courtney reported that she was approached by Kevin Harris about adding Grades 7 and 8 to the League. The board discussed it and decided that it might be a good idea to do a survey in the late winter for the middle school students to see if there is interest.
- D. **Park Improvement Ideas (5/10 Year Master Plan)** – Courtney talked about the possibility of hiring an outside consultant to create a Master Plan. The board thinks it is a great idea. Courtney will add the proposed cost to the budget for July for approval. Courtney talked about changing systems for signing up for activities. It could be an item to discuss with a consultant. She will look into the options available and send the board information to look over for the next meeting.

#### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Paderewski Pond Recommendation Updates** – Courtney updated the Board. The Town Council will not be supporting the Conservation Commission Recommendations. Courtney to set up a Field Trip with the board to look over Paderewski Park to come up with a list of possible improvements.
- B. **Signage update**—discussed above.
- C. **Age Policy for Camp** – To attend camp with an age policy, children must be able to meet the minimum age requirement that begins that session of camp. If a child is turning 4/7 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of that year, they may be allowed to attend Mini Camp / Day Camp per the discretion of the Recreation Department. This is based in a ratio number set up by the State of Connecticut age groups.

If a parent is looking for a younger sibling to attend the same camp as an older sibling (ex: a 6 year old attending Day Camp, which is for ages 7 to 12), then that shall be allowed as it is a one to one ration. This shall be allowed, if the younger sibling turns 6 by June 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

**A motion was made to approve the Age Policy for Camps by:**  
B. Gediman

**Seconded by:** A. DeGregorio

**All in Favor 4 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

- D. **Fun Day** – Courtney talked to the board about the possibility of a “Kids Carnival” on a Friday Night in July from 5:30 – 7:30 pm with food and games, to replace the current “Fun Day”. The board loved the idea and also suggested having a DJ playing kids music. Courtney to pick a date in mid to late July and report it to the board.
- E. **Summer Program Suggestions** – Courtney asked the board to think of any fun events they might want to try in the summer. She reported that Yoga was successful this past summer. Board to think of suggestions and discuss at a future meeting.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by:** B. Gediman to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm

**Seconded by:** Q. Christopher

**All in Favor 4 to 0**

**Motion Passes**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Dahlstrom*  
Recording Secretary