

**SUFFIELD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
March 11, 2015**

The Suffield Parks & Recreation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, in the lower level conference room, Town Hall, 83 Mountain Rd., Suffield, CT.

ATTENDANCE:Lou Casinghino, Chairman
.....Cindy Nicholson, Vice Chairman
.....Kerri Milne, Clerk
.....Leeayn Burke
.....Brian Casinghino
.....David Rusnock

ABSENTAmy Egan
.....Bill Clark
.....Gerry Crane

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:.....Wendy J. LaMontagne, Director

Lou called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

MINUTES: Cindy made a motion to accept the minutes. Brian seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Wendy passed out the Spring Brochure. Wendy reviewed some of the great new programs for adults. Wendy thanked the staff for the great job they are doing.

On-line registration is going well – people are signing up on-line.

The town has been invited to work with Mark Fenton, who is working with the Health Department, to promote healthy communities. Also working with Mark and Wendy, are the Bill Hawkins (Town Planner), and Patrick McMahon (Economic Development Director). Wendy and Bill participated in a webinar regarding this project. Mr. Fenton will be coming to Suffield to do an analysis of how a walkable, healthy life style community could be implemented. If anyone is interested they can participate in a workshop. Wendy will provide dates of upcoming sessions with anyone interested.

PROGRAM REPORTS: No comments

OLD BUSINESS:

Bridge Street School – update: Wendy thanked those that attended the Finance Board meeting on Monday.

The attendance at the meeting was discussed. Also discussed was whether there was a policy regarding attendance at commission meetings. Wendy said she didn't think so. Lou asked Wendy to check with the town attorney to see if we could set up any guidelines for attendance. The question was asked whether there are any references to attendance in our charter.

Lou thanked the ad hoc committee for the work they have done on this project. Lou especially thanked Krystal Holmes and Beth Chafetz. The commission discussed the presentation at the Finance Board, the comments and questions from the board members, and whether this will pass or not. Also discussed were fundraising strategies, how to promote the project to the voters, how to get voters involved, etc.

Leeyan said that Krystal asked the Board of Finance to vote on the project at their next meeting which will be in April. Other commission members felt that the Finance Board wants to see what projects will be approved at the A.C.C.E. meeting before they decide on the Bridge Street School project.

Budget: Wendy said she presented a flat budget to the Finance Board. The payroll line item was reduced since the 19.5 hours requested for the registration clerk was denied and reduced to 15 hours. A line item was added for Contracted services (minutes and brochures).

Youth Basketball – update: Wendy said the program ended on Saturday. Wendy said that there were a few situations but Cindy Fisher, Recreation Supervisor, took care of these as they occurred and the department was praised by both referees and coaches.

The situation with the coach who was not following the practice schedule was taken care of. Wendy spoke with the principal of Spaulding School and he assisted in handling the situation.

Sports programs – sub committee update: Cindy said that she emailed the soccer people but has not received a response. Dave said that he has been in contact with the parents and has talked with them about a flexible schedule. Cindy said that within the schedule there is flexibility. Cindy will try to get a meeting set so this can be discussed. The commission talked about scheduling and the different ways to make this work for all.

New Business

Spring Sports scheduling: Wendy said she had a meeting last Friday with representatives of the different sports groups in town. Little League was not able to attend and Wendy is still waiting for their schedule.

This meeting is for scheduling of fields for spring athletic programs. Wendy said that everyone knows where they should be and they are communicating with each other. Wendy said that she has put together a list of different town events with dates and where they take place so the teams can work around this.

Brian asked about the community use calendar and who controls this. Wendy said that Larry Plano at the school handles this and there may have been a glitch in the program and how it displayed activities.

ADJOURNMENT: Cindy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kerri seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Scheitlin, recording secretary for
Kerri Milne, Clerk