

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BROOKFIELD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, HELD AT TOWN HALL, ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016, AT 7:30 P.M.**

**Present:** Joei Grudzinski, Co-Chairman; Bryan Chnowsky, Rob Blick, Tony Tomaino. Dennis DiPinto, Director; Elaine Rajcula, Secretary.

**Absent:** Ed Butt, Sara Kincade

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – The Special Meeting of 11/18/ 2015, was canceled.

**Closeout of Parks Revitalization** – D. DiPinto – Phase II is now complete with official closeout in the next two months.

**Grounds Department** – D. DiPinto – The proposed operating budget presented represents an overall 10% increase in operating expenses. Of this 10%, the one Grounds FTE represents about 6.5% of that.

**Budget Review 2016/2017** –The Commission extensively reviewed the Parks & Recreation Budget . D. DiPinto presented the Summary of Highlights of the Parks & Recreation Department, along with the proposed budget. The Commission reviewed and discussed each topic at length. The Director will request a full time employee for the Ground's Department (lost eight years ago). He stated he will be meeting with the First Selectman about Capital items discussed and get back to the Commission as soon as possible.

After much discussion, a motion was made by R. Blick to move forward on the Budget with adjustments. Seconded by R. Santiago. Passed.

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. was made by R. Blick, seconded by T. Tomaino. Passed.

The next meeting of the P & R Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

**If you cannot make this meeting, please call the P & R office at 203-775-7321.**