

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, HELD on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013, AT THE TOWN HALL, POCONO ROAD, BROOKFIELD, CT., AT 7:30 P.M.

Present: Sara Kincade, Chairman; Ed Butt, Bryan Chnowsky, Rob Blick, Tony Tomaino. Dennis DiPinto, Director; Elaine Rajcula, Secretary.

Absent: D. Keefe, Joei Grudzinski.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting will be held over to the next P & R meeting.

Recreation Supervisor's Report – Mary Knox – Tom O'Brian's Magic Show was well received with over 200 people attending. The Friday Night Ski Trips to Mohawk had another successful season with 136 students participating. Youth Wrestling ended with 21 students in grades 2 to 8 participating. M. Knox has sent notification to all previous staff in good standing from 2012, to reapply for 2013 and is currently receiving applications from potential new employees. Winter programs are underway and she is now planning spring and summer programs. The next program guide will be out by the end of March. It will include programs from April through August. Volunteers are requested for the 17th Annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd. It will take place at the Town Hall. Volunteers need to be there from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

R. Blick asked why Brookfield Parks & Rec Youth Wrestling does not participate in meets with other Towns. Discussion was held. The Director to confirm with M. Knox to the extent of Wrestling meets outside of the program.

Parks Supervisor's Report – Chris Rabuse – Park employees did a very good job with the snow and ice from the past storms. Winter maintenance and repair of Summer/highly used equipment. Also light truck repairs, plow and sander repairs as needed. For remainder of report and future work is on file in the P & R office.

Monthly Financial Report – The Commission reviewed said report. Grounds Facilities account 01-132-54010. is currently artificially inflated due to the \$58,000. cost to replace the High School bleachers this fall. The insurance claim will involve a reimbursement to this account of approximately \$52,000.

Current Projects

Brookfield Revitalization – D. DiPinto –He will meet with the design company - Doyle Kaufman Associates next Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m. to discuss the Beach and fields areas. Parking will remain as is. Board of Selectmen wants cost to be under five million.

Bike Path - D. DiPinto stated by early Summer the Wetlands Mitigation Plan should be completed. By mid Fall, 2013, we will have a total project as related to the balance of the Greenway project.

Old Business

Policies & Goals – D. DiPinto and J. Grudzinski will meet before the next meeting to discuss certain policies.

Town & School Facilities

Center, Huckleberry & Whisconier Schools Security – B. Chnowski - United Alarm has set up with double buzzers and all new doors locked. D. DiPinto stated the only doors opened for our programs are the front doors. All front doors will be manned using the buzzer system until 5:00 p.m. for all groups using the schools.

Splash Pad – D. DiPinto - The Splash Pad requires a 2” waterline. If the 2” line is confirmed, then the project can move forward.

Budget Status – D. DiPinto has met with the First Selectman and the Controller concerning the Operating Budget on Capitol Equipment. This item will be put under New Business for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MARCH 27, 2013. IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THIS MEETING PLEASE CALL THE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE AT 203-775-2420.