

**TOWN OF GRANBY
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES
February 11, 2014**

PRESENT: Brigid Gunn, Sue Yucha, Kathy Ungerleider, Sue Lasota, Squire Bressor, and Tom Tyburski, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services

ABSENT: Jennifer Bilodeau

PUBLIC: No One Present

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Brigid Gunn.

MINUTES

On a Motion by Sue Yucha and seconded by Kathy Ungerleider, the minutes from the December 3, 2013 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC SESSION

No One Present

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing Pending

NEW BUSINESS

a. Programs

- o After School Ski Program – ended. Ran very well – 97 kids participated.
- o Basketball – going very well
- o Day Camp Registration is open and available on the website
- o Bugbee Summer Lacrosse Camp – Tom is waiting for dates from the instructor
- o Enrichment Programs – waiting to see the offered program themes, dates are locked in
- o Bus trips have been finalized and put on the website. Trips to Fenway Park, Yankee Stadium, Boston, New York City and more are planned.
- o Modern Country Line Dancing – This program this program will begin September at the new recreation building.
- o April Egg Hunt – The Recreation Department is planning to hold this event again on Thursday, April 17 with Assistance from the GECC. P & R Board members also offered their assistance.
- o GECC is sponsoring a “Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast” in honor of Dr. Seuss’ birthday on Saturday, March 1 at the new recreation building. All proceeds will be donated to the Rec Dept. to be used for summer a “kids entertainment” performance.

b. Town Parks Updates

o Salmon Brook Park –

- Squire Bressor inquired about the possibility of a Bocce or Horseshoe tournament.
- Tom said the concession kitchen is now going to be run by the Town. It will be open more hours and will be run more like a business. Hoping to open April 1st. Possible hours 4:30-8:30pm, M-F and longer hours during Saturdays and Sundays. Bill Smith would like to offer the local teams/leagues fundraising opportunities. There will be no grilling allowed in the parking lots.
- Dogg Park Lights - Tom stated that they only received 6 surveys – 1 negative and 5 positive. For now, this proposal is going to be tabled.

- Summer Concert Series – Tom asked the Board what they thought about holding some concerts again this summer. The last two years were funded by monies that were left over from the 225 Celebration. The board decided to hold one concert this summer which will be on Thursday, July 10th and will be in conjunction with the annual Ice Cream Social.
 - Alcohol Policy – Tom stated that at this time the Board of Selectmen wish to keep the alcohol policy “as is” (application must be approved by the BOS and is only possible for Non-profit community groups). Tom discussed how the Board of Selectman meeting concerning the policy change for the new building went and explained exactly what had been proposed. He thinks some of the residents who spoke at the meeting may have misunderstood the proposed change in policy. Tom explained that the Rec Dept.’s intent was never to allow events with permission to have alcohol to take place in the building when there is lots of activity in the park. These type of events would have been only scheduled in the “slower” times of year and in the evenings when the park is typically void of other activity. These private rental events would have never conflicted with Lacrosse, Little League, Camp or Playground activities. Tom let the P&R Board know that the Rec Dept. Staff had 11 pending rental applications that had requested alcohol permission and some of these rental applications have been withdrawn since the BOS decision. Mr. Tyburski let the Board know that the Rec Dept has spoken with a number of potential renters since the BOS meeting and their interest in renting the facility is definitely lessened when they are told beer/wine is no longer an option for most of our clients.
- o Holcomb Farm –
 - Tom said renovations of the existing barn as well as construction of the new building are expected to begin late this spring/early summer.
 - o Ahrens Field – Nothing reported

OTHER BUSINESS AS NECESSARY

On Sunday, February 16th from 4:45pm – 6:45pm Granby Recreation is hosting a Granby Night at Simsbury Farms Ice Rink. Attendance and skate rental is free with a non-perishable food donation for the Granby Food Kitchen.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Next month’s meeting is going to be Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:00 in the new Recreation Building at Salmon Brook Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Shinder
Recording Secretary