

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES  
September 2, 2014**

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

**ABSENT:** Abby Roughton, Jennifer Bilodeau

**PUBLIC:** William & Susan Regan, Hungary Road

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 July 1, 2014 meeting were approved.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

William & Susan Regan were in attendance and inquired about any upcoming events/construction plans. Tom Tyburski gave them a description of Granby Youth Football's scheduled use of the fields at Ahrens Park. He explained that due to the wear and tear that was caused to the back field last year, football has been asked to use the field closer to the pavilion. They are also planning on using lighting again this year but the lights will be set up as to be aimed at the woods. William & Susan Regan were comfortable with those plans as long as football remains compliant with the parking locations and with weeknight practices ending at 7:30pm. The Regan's discussed with the Board some of the past issues that they have had with the building of and usage of Ahrens Park.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Bike Path lining. Tom said he had contacted Kirk Severance from Public Works regarding the possible lining of the bike path in Granby. Kirk followed up with East Granby and Simsbury, who have some of their bike paths lined, and they are in the process of removing the lines. Those towns have reported some complaints and questions. There were issues with who had the right of way; bikers or walkers. For now, Public Works is on hold with this.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Squire Bressor inquired about the building rentals. Tom Tyburski said that they are going well.
- Tom asked the Board what they thought about raising the rental rates for the Banquet room.
- A conversation about Holcomb Farm rental fees ensued. There was talk about possibly increasing them. The Rec Department will work with the Town Manager's office to revise the fee schedule when the current construction project nears completion.
- Beginning this weekend, the Rec department is going to borrow a golf cart from Public Works until they purchase one of their own. One of the P&R employees will sell concessions from the cart down by the Rovers soccer fields and the baseball/lacrosse fields that are farther away from the Concession stand.

- Since the solar panels were connected on May 26<sup>th</sup> they have generated a \$400 savings for the Town.
- Squire Bressor asked if the Rec department had gotten any requests for new programs. Tom said that Recreation is trying a new after school Lego (Playwell Technologies) program this year. There is also a Gifted & Talented program at Wells Road and the after school field hockey programs at Kelly & Wells are being offered this year after being absent for two years.
- Sue Lasota asked if the Rec department was planning a bus trip to a ski area. Tom said he would check into it. The two choices for ski areas are: Mt. Snow & Okemo.
- The Board also inquired about the ice skating day at Simsbury Farms. The thought was to hold it again on the Sunday of President's Day weekend. Because the turnout was so great last year, Tom said the Rec Department is considering having people RSVP in advance. The event will still be free and everyone participating will be asked to bring a non-perishable item for the Granby Food Pantry in lieu of admission fee and skate rental fees.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS AS NECESSARY**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a Motion by Squire Bressor and seconded by Sue Lasota, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The next meeting is going to be Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 7:00 at the Lodge at Salmon Brook Park in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Shinder  
Recording Secretary