

Portland Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2024

Buck-Foreman Community Center

Parks & Recreation Office

265 Main Street

Present: Commission Members: Chair, Karen Agogliati, Chris Donahue, Kevin Backman, Deb Rooth, Amie Leary, Regan Fitzgibbons

Also: Andy Dionne, Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Tripp, Town Council Liaison

Absent: Karen Agogliati, Deb Rooth, Amie Leary, Jillian Crawford

1. Call to order

Chris Donahue, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call/Appointment of Alternates

No action.

3. Approval of Agenda

Regan Fitzgibbons made a motion to approve the Agenda for August 12, 2024 as presented and seconded by Kevin Backman. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, June 10, 2024

Kevin Backman made a motion to approve minutes for Regular Meeting on June 10, 2024 as presented seconded by Regan Fitzgibbons. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Seasonal Events

Come on Over Event is scheduled on September 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Entry fees are \$25.00 for 5K, \$20.00 for walkers. Registrations received by August 29th receive a t-shirt. Sponsorships are due by August 23rd. Race day registration will be online.

Dates have been set for the remainder of summer concerts as follows:

August 13, 2024 – 70's Project

August 20, 2024 – Johnny Nonsense (make-up show)

August 27, 2024 – Great Hill Mountain Band (make-up show)

6. Field and Facility Rental Policy

Policy is being reviewed by Town Attorney.

7. Park and Field Updates

Andy Dionne will be working with Public Works to see if LOCIP funding can be used to improve entry way at Riverfront Park with a longer apron and signage replicating those at other parks. Andy Dionne will check to see if work at Middlesex Avenue can be done at the same time.

A concern was raised about cutting grass while people are in the parks. This will be mentioned to Public Works.

8. Parks and Recreation Programs

June 26th Fun Run went well. Andy thanked Deb Rooth and Amie Leary for volunteering at the information table.

Registration is open for Rec. Basketball. Grades K-1, and Grade 2 will be run by parent volunteers and held from 12/4/2024 – 2/26/2025. There are 20 openings for these sessions. Skyhawk programs are scheduled from 1/4/2025 – 2/8/2025 for Grades K through Grades 2 for girls and boys.

Registration is also open for Grades 3-8 Rec. Basketball Leagues. Player evaluations for these leagues will be on October 9, 10 and 11 so that practices can be scheduled.

Anyone who registers for a Grades 3-8 Girls League before September 12 will be entered into a drawing for 4 free tickets to the CT Sun - Chicago Sun basketball game at Mohegan Sun.

9. Budget and Capital Needs

There was no discussion.

10. BOS Liaison Discussion

Jim Tripp said that funding for well has been approved.

11. Public Comment

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Backman and seconded by Regan Fitzgibbons. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Guite

Recording Secretary