

**Board of Recreation  
Regular Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
July 8, 2015**

The Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by Mike Palmerie, Jr, seconded by Mary Gluck, @ 7:05 P.M. Unanimous

**Board Members Present:** Mary Gluck, Mary Witham, Joanne Kenney and Mike Palmerie, Jr.

**Board Members Absent:** Larry Fitzgerald, Dean Accetura and Meloria Stenson

**Also Present:** Christopher Moffo, Director of Parks and Recreation

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by M. Witham, seconded by M. Gluck to approve the minutes of June 15, 2015. **Unanimous.**

**Guest/Public Participation:** Bill Kotsaftis, 41 Summit Road came to the meeting to continue the discussion as requested by Prospect Soccer to increase the size of the back game field at Hotchkiss. They would like to expand the field by 10 yards to accommodate the 17U program while also benefiting the men's league. C. Moffo advised that one of the concerns with this would be the interference with the walking track. Mr. Kotsaftis acknowledged this point and also asked C. Moffo to improve the area of the two goal boxes. C. Moffo stated that everyone would have to be on the same page; once he asked Public Works to begin work on the back game field and the goal boxes, Prospect Soccer would need to move their practices to Caplan Park. Mr. Kotsaftis stated that he was aware of this and that Prospect Soccer would schedule their practices at Caplan and have 'away' games. Discussion. Mr. Kotsaftis advised that Prospect Soccer would like to make signs for the back game field's walkers' path at Hotchkiss, advising that for everyone's safety, the back walker's path would be closed. Board members approved of the signs. C. Moffo explained that he would like this work to begin and end at the end of the fall season and that he would contact Public Works in regards to this.

**Correspondence/Payment of Bills:** C. Moffo reviewed bills paid. C. Moffo requested a motion to approve the payment of bills received. **Motion** made by M. Witham seconded by M. Palmerie, Jr. to approve the payment of bills received in the amount of \$9,359.46. **Unanimous.**

**Director's Report Reviewed.**

**Swim Program:** Swim Lessons –A 5 week swim lesson course for Level 1 with 2 classes and Level 2 with one class began; all filled to capacity.

**Programs:** Summer Camp – Participants – increased to 60 – 80 children per week; credit to both camp directors on a well run camp. **Other Camps:** **Hawks Hoops** with 87 participants and **The Youth Football Camp** with 50+; also, Tennis lessons from **Middlebury Racquet Club** and **Youth Fencing.**

Mad Science and Playwell Technologies were canceled due to low enrollment.

**Basketball:** Every Tuesday and Thursday night, for the month of July, open rec for middle school age children will be held at Hotchkiss Field Basketball Court. The first evening, 15 participants were in attendance.

Due to repairs that are needed to the court at Hotchkiss, the Men's Rec League will be an open gym. If there is enough interest, this will become a full league.

**Baseball/Softball:** Atlas fence was contacted to look at the back stop at Hotchkiss. They will come out to take measurements and to supply the Department with a spec sheet.

**Football:** C. Moffo stated that he had met with AYFL (Youth Football League). The AYFL had expressed interest in the use of Caplan Park for practice during their season. They would like to have the park (3) nights per week. C. Moffo stated that the AYFL may be overrun by 'out-of-towners' than residents. M. Palmerie, Jr. stated that there could be a problem and advised of two options: **1.) to treat as a Premier League and everyone pays; or 2.) to have Split-Field usage, here and another town, and charge a flat rate for the season. M. Palmerie, Jr. stated that strong rules for the fields are necessary. Board members advised that the knowledge of residents playing for each of these leagues would help with scheduling the fields.** Board members asked C. Moffo to review, once created, the new field rules with Mayor Robert J. Chatfield and to invite both Resident State Trooper Matt Comeau and Lt. Nelson Abarzua to a meeting. C. Moffo also advised that the AYFL had requested temporary lighting at Caplan Park to allow for evening practices during the months of September and October. Board members advised for C. Moffo to notify the surrounding neighbors of the temporary lighting.

**New Business:** C. Moffo discussed the request for a Horseshoe League to be played at the Prospect VFW. C. Moffo stated that the Park & Rec would pay for the horseshoes. Board members suggested charging each player a league entrance fee of \$10.00 for once a week play time. After discussion, Board members stated that the league should have their own insurance.

**Basketball:** C. Moffo advised that resident Rich Blanc has been running pick-up games at Hotchkiss Park. Board members suggested enforce written 'rules' for court use and giving permits for half-court time.

**Old Business:** Basketball Court: C. Moffo advised that he had contacted Atlantic Tennis Court Company for an updated price in regards to surface repairs and court development; but as of yet, he had not received a quote.

C. Moffo also advised that he would like to install a new vinyl fence at the beginning of Hotchkiss Field Park. M. Gluck suggested installing a more rustic looking fence. C. Moffo stated that he would check into the vinyl fencing colors and contact Southington Rustic Fence for a quote.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by M. Witham, seconded by D. Accetura to adjourn the meeting. **Unanimous.** Meeting adjourned @ 8:04 p.m.

*Mike Palmerie, Jr., Vice-Chairman*

*Rosalyn B. Moffo, Clerk*