

**Board of Recreation  
Approved Minutes  
January 13, 2016**

The Board of Recreation meeting was called to order by M. Palmerie, Jr and seconded by M. Gluck @ 7:25 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Mike Palmerie, Jr., Dean Accetura, Meloria (Lori) Stenson and Mary Gluck

**Board Members Absent:** Joanne Kenney and Mary Witham

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** made M. Gluck, seconded by D. Accetura to approve the minutes of 12/9/15. **Unanimous.**

**Guest/Public Participation:** None

**Correspondence/Payment of Bills:** Board members reviewed the bills that were paid and the bills received. After discussion, **Motion** made by M. Gluck, seconded by D. Accetura to pay the bills received. **Unanimous.**

**Director's Report Reviewed:**

**Programs:**

Open Swim has been scheduled to begin on Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The dates will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. through April vacation.

The second session of Mad Science has begun on Monday afternoons and Girls Inc will begin this week on Friday evenings at the Grange.

Due to low enrollment, Creativity Planet programs were cancelled.

Bergamo's Performance Training is offering a host of programs for the winter. The programs offered range from Tai Chi to fit & tone; all showing some interest. They are also offering a Sports Injury Prevention Program that is to be held at PES. This program has seen the most interest.

Ms. Krista Tarasovic will be offering an Aerobic Boot Camp on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from Feb. 9 – Mar. 31. Cost for the program will be \$85.00 for Residents and \$90.00 for Non-residents.

Computer Explorers will be offered again beginning in February. We will offer LEGO Robotics and Minecraft Island Survival.

**Basketball:**

The youth basketball program is going well at all levels. We have expanded the Middle School program to playing Beacon Falls during the week as well as on the weekends.

There will be an open gym held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for the high school league to allow final registration collections. Games will begin on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Men's Open gym is currently up to 40 participants.

The Annual Karen DePalma 3 on 3 Tournament is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at WRHS. Shirts will be purchased for the participating teams.

**Miscellaneous:**

C. Moffo advised the Board that he had been in contact with Hinding Tennis Courts. This company came highly recommended from the surrounding towns for the Basketball Court Installation. The company is based out of New Haven and is on the Connecticut State Bid List.

Obrien and Sons has been contacted for pricing to replace the Playscape located at Hotchkiss Field, which was installed in 1997. For a complete replacement, including rubberized base instead of engineered wood would cost approximately \$202,000.00.

A Prospect resident, Mike Tuohy would like to offer a Wiffle Ball tournament for his senior project to be held at Hotchkiss Field the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 15<sup>th</sup>. The tournament will benefit the International Myeloma Foundation.

The Ice Skating Rink was open for the first time last week.

Over the past few weeks, C. Moffo has been working with the Mayor and the Town's Grant Writer in an effort to procure funds for a STEAP Grant (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) from the State. If received, this Grant will help to offset some of the costs for future projects planned for Hotchkiss Field: Basketball Courts, the Field of Dreams replacement and paving of the walking path.

C. Moffo advised that Mayor Chatfield had attended an Inland Wetlands meeting to receive approval for a permit to dredge the pond at McGrath Park. The Mayor plans on draining the pond down and clearing the debris surrounding the aerator. Hopefully this should be up and running by spring.

**Old Business:**

Basketball Courts  
Playground

Board members advised to move forward with the Basketball Courts (replacing the old and setting a 2<sup>nd</sup> court) at Hotchkiss and for C. Moffo and M. Palmerie to meet with Mayor Chatfield to ask for an exclusive bid for this project to include all costs from start to finish.

**New Business:**

**2016-2017 Budget: Motion** made by M. Palmerie, seconded by D. Accetura to approve the proposed 2016-2017 Budget for the Park & Rec Department in the amount of \$277,022.00. **Unanimous.**

**Charter Revision:** C. Moffo and M. Palmerie will attend the Charter Revision Committee meeting on January 14, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Adjournment: Motion** made by M. Palmerie, Jr. seconded by L. Stenson to adjourn the meeting. **Unanimous.** Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 p.m.

*Mike Palmerie, Jr.*