



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

Meeting Minutes - Final

12 Van Tassel Drive
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Kenneth J. DiRico

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. at the Ledyard Senior Center.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Jessica Cobb
 Commissioner Paula Crocker
 Commissioner Lucrezia Finegan
 Alternate Member Carol Ann Schneider
 Alternate Member Lauren Hawes
 Commissioner Loretta Kent

Absent Commissioner Norma Sokolski

Late Chairman Kenneth J. DiRico
 Commissioner Margaret Anne Harding

In addition, the following were present:

Scott Johnson, Director of Ledyard Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center

MOTION to seat Ms. Schneider and Ms. Hawes and Regular members
This was Approved and so declared.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

VI. REPORTS

DIRECTORS REPORT

The Park Caretaker job posting will be up next week, under Ledyard Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Johnson thanks Ms. Schneider and Ms. Crocker for their work on the Senior Prom, which was a very well received and attended event hosted on September 13th. Mr. Johnson states that he and his staff are hoping to do something similar in March.

We held our first Tennis Tournament which was to benefit the Nick Pellegrino Scholarship, and we raised \$1,500.00.

The annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 25th, Mr. Johnson states we are looking for volunteers to judge trunks and do some crowd control. There are Aproximatley 25 Trunks so far, and the department is expecting more than 1,500 children.

The fields have been leveled and overseeded for the Fall.

On November 7, 2024 the Community Relations Commission will be having a meeting to discuss the Donahue Park and Pickleball. This meeting will be held at the Gales Ferry Community Center.

Pfizer Field improvements are wrapping up with grass popping up in the in-field.

We should be able to start ordering things for the ARPA project. The items need to be ordered by the end of the calendar year. Public works will start these projects after leaves are done. This was Approved and so declared.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve the August 2024 Meeting Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

2. MOTION to approve the September 2024 Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

RESULT: CONTINUE

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review Maintenance Contracts and send to the Facilities Subcommittee

RESULT: CONTINUE

2. Any other Old Business to come before the Commission.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION on relocating the GFCC Pickle Ball Courts

Planning and Zoning stated it would be difficult for the pickle ball courts to be placed at the community center as there are two properties involved and with the easement they could only go where the green spaces are. Mr. Johnson stated that the shared courts with the tennis court has been working but more is needed and the shared courts have temporary nets. Ms. Finegan asked if they eventually build a commercial pickle ball in the area would that diminish our need for courts. Mr. Johnson responded that we still would need long term indoor courts. Ms. Cobb asked if there were any different sites that are of similar types that could be considered. Mr. Johnson stated that the quote that was received was for green space for 2 courts and any deviation would increase the Price. Ms. Hawes stated that the end of East Drive would be an idea as there is also parking there. It was decided that Mr. Johnson would get input from the community.

RESULT: CONTINUE

2. MOTION to approve the 2025 Commission Meeting dates

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Kenneth J. DiRico

3. Any other New Business to come before the Commission.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kent moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Finegan

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

VOTE: 8-0 Approved and so declared

Respectively Submitted,

Chairman DiRico

Ledyard Parks, Recreation, and Senior Citizens Commission

This was Approved and so declared.