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12 Van Tassel Drive Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Chairman Kenneth J. DiRico

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DiRico called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Ledyard Senior Center

II. ROLL CALL

Present Chairman Kenneth J. DiRico

Commissioner Paula Crocker Commissioner Lucrezia Finegan Commissioner Carol Ann Schneider

Commissioner Lauren Hawes

Alternate Member Stephanie Bacon

Excused Commissioner Loretta Kent

In addition, the following were present:

Scott Johnson, Director of Ledyard Parks, Recreation and Senior Center William Barnes, Town Council Liaison Naomi Rodriquez, Town Council Jessica Buhle, Town Council

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. Liaison Assignment
- 2. Action LTR TC

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Schneider asked if the staff was looking for a new Landscape Painting instructor. Mr. Johnson stated that they are looking for an instructor for that as well as chair yoga.

Ms. Schneider asked if people can leave and take supplies for knitting/crafts etc. Mr. Johnson responded that they could but should ask before dropping anything off.

VI. REPORTS

1. February 2025 Directors Report

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

2. Upcoming Events and Schedule

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve Special Meeting January 2025 Meeting Minutes

Correction to January 14, 2025 minutes:

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Kenneth DiRico

Commissioner Carol Schneider

Commissioner Jessica Cobb

Commissioner Paula Crocker

Alternate Commissioner Lauren Hawes

Alternate Commissioner Stephanie Bacon

Commissioner Loretta Kent, Excused

Commissioner Lucrezia Finegan, Excused

MOTION to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2025 with correction

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kenneth J. DiRico SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION to allow Boy scout to build a stage on Ledyard Town Green

Mr. Johnson will reach out to the Boy Scout and have a meeting

2. DISCUSSION on relocating pickleball courts

Mr. Johnson stated that another survey will be sent out with specific places to relocate

3. Any Old Business proper to come before the Committee

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION to remove and replace the Town Green, Blonders, East Drive, and Aljen Park playscapes

The town green is fully scoped and will reduce maintenance cost. It will go where the playscape is now.

Quotes and plans are due tomorrow and the state grant must be matched by the town.

If funds come from conveyance it must be done via public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

2. MOTION to approve Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center Joint Logo

RESULT: CONTINUE

3. Any New Business proper to come before the Committee

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Schneider moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Crocker

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

VOTE: 5 -0 Approved and so declared