



LEDYARD PARKS, RECREATION, AND SENIOR CITIZENS DEPARTMENT



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PARKS RECREATION AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION *Director's Report November 2024*

Please note this update for your review.

1. **Commission Meeting:**

The regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the Ledyard Senior Center. Please contact the office immediately if you will not be able to attend.

2. **Irrigation Systems:**

The irrigation systems have been blown out and winterized for the year. We are in the process of replacing and raising the irrigation heads on Depta field.

3. **Lantern Hill Valley Park:**

Dieter & Gardner Inc are finalizing the site plan and should have it done this week. With the site plan we can begin the permit process.

4. **Senior Center ARPA:**

Funds have been received from the state and we have started ordering materials. All funds must be spent or obligated by the end of this calendar year.

5. **DEEP Recreational Trail Grant:**

We have requested a one year extension for the DEEP Recreational Trail Grant. Still waiting to hear back from the state regarding the status.

6. **Minimum Wage Increase/ Summer Camp:**

It was announced that Minimum wage will increase again. We will have to look at our camp rates and adjust before next summer.

7. **Park Care Taker:**

We hired a new Park Care Taker and he started this week.

8. **Ericson Parking Extension:**

This project would create too many drainage issues and would eliminate access for the mowers. Alternative projects included on tonight's agenda.

9. **Pfizer Field Improvements:**

We have completed work on Pfizer Field. The infield took 4 loads of clay and we were also able to address a number of low spots with loam/ seed.

10. Trunk or Treat:

Trunk or Treat ran smoothly this year and the changes we made prevented the line from getting backed up. We had less kids this year but it was a much better experience. There was a homecoming football game and the sub base trunk or treat the same night that might have effected our attendance.

11. CRPA Conference:

The Assistant Director and Director will be attending the CT Recreation and Park Association Conference next week at Mohegan Sun. The conference is 2 days of classes, networking, and product sample/ demo's.

12. Light Parade:

The permit has been approved by the state for the parade. We are currently looking for floats and marchers.