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Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission
Stanley T. Williams Community Center
1332 Middletown Ave, Northford, CT 06472
Tuesday, June 24, 2025- 6:00 pm

Chairman Torino called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Salute to the Flag

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Chairman Steve Torino, Vice Chairman John Onofrio, Jennifer Ash, Gene Stabile, and Nick DeMatteo.

Also Present: Recreation Director Kerry Haynes, Assistant Director Sarah Brown, Poco Coordinator Elisa Pannone and Resident Donna Abbatiello.

2. Approval minutes of previous meetings

a. Tuesday, December 10, 2024, discussion and action

MOTION: Vice Chairman Onofrio made a motion to approve the December 10, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Stabile seconded. **Discussion:** none. **With all in favor, the motion passed. 2 abstentions – Commissioner Ash and DeMatteo.**

b. March 31, 2025, discussion and action

MOTION: Commissioner Ash made a motion to approve the March 31, 2025 meeting minutes. Vice Chairman Onofrio seconded. **Discussion:** none. **With all in favor, the motion passed. 1 abstention – Commissioner DeMatteo.**

c. April 28, 2025, discussion and action

MOTION: Commissioner DeMatteo made a motion to approve the April 28, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Stabile seconded. **Discussion:** none. **With all in favor, the motion passed.**

3. Public Comment

4. **Director's Report**
5. **Unfinished business discussion and action**
 - a. **STW Improvements discussion and action**
 - b. **Fiscal Year End review, transfers, discussion and action**

MOTION: Commissioner Ash made a motion to authorize line item transfers stipulated by the Recreation Director. Commissioner Stabile seconded. **Discussion:** none. **With all in favor, the motion passed.**
6. **New business discussion and action**
 - a. **Parks and fields discussion and action**

MOTION: Commissioner Ash made a motion to allow the President of Youth Lacrosse, Christine Gierla, to put up the shed if they go through Planning and Zoning to get the proper permits. Vice Chairman Onofrio seconded. **Discussion:** none. **With all in favor, the motion passed.**
 - b. **Fiscal Budget 25-26 discussion and action**

MOTION: Commissioner Ash made a motion to approve the budget with the proposed changes. Vice Chairman Onofrio seconded. **Discussion:** none. **With all in favor, the motion passed.**


MOTION: Commissioner Ash made a motion to increase gym memberships effective July 1, 2025. Commissioner DeMatteo seconded. **Discussion:** none. **With all in favor, the motion passed.**
 - c. **Parks and Fields discussion and action**

MOTION: Commissioner Ash proposed a motion to add the pavilion at STW to the reservation list and to accept the shed at North Farms Park. Vice Chairman Onofrio seconded. **Discussion:** none. **With all in favor, the motion passed.**
7. **Blueprint Committee updates discussion and action**

The last meeting was canceled.
8. **Permanent Project Building Committee updates discussion and action**
9. **Potato Festival discussion and action**
10. **Public Comment**

Donna Abbatiello, a North Branford resident, expressed interest in serving as the line dancing instructor at this year's POCO event. She will coordinate the details directly with Mary.
11. **Adjourn** – the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessica Dellacamera