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Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission
Stanley T. Williams Community Center
1332 Middletown Ave, Northford, CT 06472
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 - 6:00 pm

Chairman Torino called meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Salute to the Flag

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Steve Torino, John Onofrio, and Nick DeMatteo.

Members Absent: Jennifer Ash, Gene Stabile, and Rose Angeloni, Town Council Liaison.

Others Present: Jessie Caetano, Recreation Director; Kerry Haynes, Assistant Director; Keri Fryer, Little League; Brian Toman, Little League, Bill Savastano, Toby Neubig.

2. Approval minutes of previous meetings

a. Tuesday, January 24, 2023

MOTION: Vice Chairman Onofrio made a motion to table the January 24, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner DeMatteo seconded. **With all in favor, motion passed.**

3. Public Comment

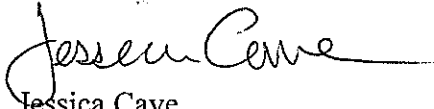
- Chairman Torino welcomes Nick DeMatteo to the commission.
- Toby Neubig asks the commission for approval to fundraise for windscreens/shrubbery for around the Multipurpose court. Understands that any donation must be presented to Council first. Recreation Director, Jessie Caetano to check with Town Engineer about wind screens and potential harm to fence.
- Bill Savastano presented his Earth Day 2023 flyer and asks the commission permission to put up banners and use Totoket Valley Baseball field to set up booths for various town departments. Approval granted.

4. **Unfinished business discussion and action**
 - a. Youth sports discussion and action
MOTION: Vice Chairman Onofrio made a motion for the Parks and Recreation Commission to request \$55,000 be added back to the budget request for fiscal year 2023-2024 for Northford Park Softball field repairs. Commissioner DeMatteo seconded. **With all in favor, motion passed. Discussion:** Little League informed the Commission that there are 3 pee wee softball teams this year and with Northford Softball field being offline they are going to struggle to have enough practice and game space now and for years to come.
5. **New business discussion and action - None**
6. **Potato Festival discussion and action**

Acceptance quotes to vendors will go out shortly.
7. **Public Comment**
8. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessica Cave
Clerk