

WILBRAHAM PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Date: February 4, 2016

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Wilbraham Senior Center

Attendance

**Present: Bryan Litz, Stan Soja, Jon Stogner, CW Zimmer, Bill Scatolini
Patty Silk, Marian Heineman, Aaron Tillberry**

I. Meeting Called To Order.

Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by Mr. Scatolini

II. Minutes from Previous Meetings Approved and Accepted.

A motion was made by Mr. Tillberry to approve and accept the January minutes. Second by Mr. Soja

III. Bills Submitted for Approval:

T-Mobile \$105.97

Legion Baseball Insurance \$765

IV. Correspondence.

None at this time

V. Committee Reports.

A. Country Club (Patricia Silk and Marian Poe Heineman)

Did not attend last meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for February 8

B. F.O.R. (Bryan Litz)

Continue to look for new members, planning a Spring 5k trail race, fishing derby, looking to make a 3 year plan for improvements to a variety of projects.

C. Community Preservation (Stan Soja)

Board of Selectman has asked CPA reps to attend next weeks public meeting. The committee will meet on Feb. 11 to vote on CPA projects to move forward to Town Meeting. This is an open meeting.

D. Selectmen Liaison (Bill Scatolini)

None at this time

E. Open Space (CW Zimmer)

The planned trail around Spec Pond has been pulled because it's too close to the water. They are looking into other options around Spec for some trails. The committee was approached about buying land at 285 Rivers Road for

Open Space and trails but the committee is not interested at the present time.

F. Sports Associations/Committees (Aaron Tillberry)

In the final stages of looking over new member applicants to serve on the committee. The 4 week clinic at Power House is going well, around 28 participants.

CONCERN FOR 8-10 BASEBALL:

Mr. Stogner raised a question about the 8-10 competitive teams. If an A team is established shouldn't they have to play A level baseball? This did not happen last year and seems to most likely not happen again this year. Also, is it a conflict of interest when a volunteer coach is giving Private Lessons to a player and making money off this player/family and is picked for an A level team?

V. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting.

None at this time

VII. Old Business.

A. Policy Approval

i. Spec Pavilion Rental Policy - Look into numbers for next year if a trash fee should be added due to the use of the new dumpsters. Mr. Litz will add one extra line which will include the Playground and Recreation Committee into the Pavilion rental fees. Mr. Litz will bring the final policy to the March meeting for vote.

ii. CORI Policy - Town Council is currently looking over the policy. One major change will be that volunteers need to fill out a CORI form on a yearly basis instead of every 2 years. Policy will be reviewed at the March meeting.

B. Springfield College Consultant – Mr. Litz received a final copy of their evaluation of the department and is looking over their recommendations. At this time, the Rec Dept is running much smoother with all the people put in place for their specific roles and times. Mr. Litz feels the department is in a much better place than last year at this time.

C. Pavilion Improvements – Mr. Litz has compiled a list of projects in order of importance for upkeep at the Pavilion. Many small items can be tackled but more money will be needed for larger projects. It was suggested by Mr. Scatolini that Mr. Litz approach the Lions Club to see if they are able to help with some of the cost since the Pavilion was built by them many years ago.

D. FY 17 Budget – The utility vehicle will be taken off the budget

VIII. New Business.

A. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Mr. Scatolini to keep all officers the same as last year. The motion was second by Mrs. Silk. All members were in favor.

President – Mr. Scatolini

Vice President – Mr. Soja

Secretary – Mr. Stogner

Country Club Liaison- Mrs. Silk and Mrs. Heineman

FOR Liaison – Mr. Litz
CPA Liaison – Mr. Soja
Selectman Liaison – Mr. Scatolini
Open Space Liaison – Mr. Zimmer
Sports Association Liaison – Mr. Tillberry

- B.** *RFP Office Space – The Recreation Office will stay at the YMCA for the time being but the Committee feels a stand-alone building at Spec Pond would save the town money in the long run. The committee also feels this is a difficult financial time to ask for this request.*

IX. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Jon Stogner