

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

April 11 ,2016

Commission members present: Mike Gaudreau, Steve Danna , Chris Toney, Cliff Soucy,

Scott Allen, David Wilterdink, Kim Conroy, Mae Lyons

Absent: Lauren Centracchio

Also present: Bucky Lohbusch, Director

Public: Woodstock Academy FRESH program, Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty

Called to Order:

7:02pm

1. **Motion made:** to move Number 5, Other Business: to Number 1
1st Cliff Soucy 2nd Scott Allen All in Favor

Other Business

The Woodstock Academy FRESH program donated 3000.00 to the Jim Boyle Scholarship Fund.

The Fresh Academy raises money for local Recreation programs and has always been a supporter of the Brooklyn summer Camp; including the Teen Center. The Commission is honored to have Brooklyn Recreation be a recipient of the donation.

The Bunny Breakfast did very well. The breakfast served a 100 people and The Teen center ran the games and helped with the egg hunt.

Fun Day meeting will be April 13th. All the letters for donations are ready to go out. May 13th the Teen Center will hold dance for Special needs kids. There will be a DJ and pizza and snacks.

Summer Day Camp registration has begun.

2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – March 14,2016

Motion made: 1st Kim Conroy 2nd Cliff Soucy
All in Favor

3. Approval of Monthly budget reports: No Reports

4. 2016/2017 Budget Update

The presentation to the BOF went well. Most of the discussion with the BOF centered on the fees charged for the Before and After School Program, Summer Camp, and the Teen Center. There will be more information available after April 20th.

5. Parks Update

The school fields are progressing. The Clay has been delivered. The bases are in and the infield has been started. Home games on the field will be played after April Vacation.

Prince Hill fields are ready. Softball is playing and Track is practicing. The Soccer lines are down. The middle field will be off line for slice seeding. The Soccer league and the Recreation Commission have an outstanding relationship and are working together to ensure the best possible fields.

Saveway fields – little would like to put irrigation on the fields, the turf is dying.

Riverside Park- the dugout is progressing, and Atlas fencing should be in the next week to put the metal poles in for the sand volleyball area. The poles will be padded to ensure the safety of the players.

6. Public Time:

Tom Dougherty presented his concerns about the volleyball pole that is 160ft from the T-ball field. He feels this is a “Clear and Present Danger” to all who may play on this field. He believes the pole should be removed to ensure the safety of all. He has had extensive experience as a former athletic director and engineer.

Mr. Gaudreau feels the Commission did its due diligence by hiring professionals that designed the field with safety the first concern. The poles will be padded.

Kim Conroy feels she needs more information about the placement of the pole before any decisions are made. The Commission agreed to put the padding on the poles tomorrow and investigate with Cirma, the town insurance, and J&D engineering, which planned the design; to check regulations and safety issues..

Mr. Dougherty mandated the pole be removed as soon as possible and hopes the deliberation takes a week or less.

7. Adjournment 7:50

Motion made: 1st Mike Gaudrea 2nd Cliff Soucy All in favor

Respectfully submitted: Chris Boyle

