

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

September 12, 2016

Commission members present: Mike Gaudreau, Cliff Soucy,  
Lauren Centracchio, Steve Danna, Scott Allen , and David Wilterdink

Absent: Mae Lyons ,Chris Toney and Kim Conroy

Also present: Bucky Lohbusch, Director

Public: Joe Banas, Mr. and Mrs. Doherty

Called to Order:

7:00pm

**1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – July 11,2016**

**Motion made:** 1<sup>st</sup> David Wilterdink 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Allen  
All in Favor

**2. Approval of Monthly budget reports:**

There is a new program in place for budget reports. Every single program will have an account number with a line item.

1<sup>st</sup> Laruen Centracchio 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Danna

**3. Brooklyn Little League Proposal**

The Little league would like to put in an irrigation system on the fields to keep the fields in top shape. The league would pay for the installation and the water bills. It would benefit the town as well as the league.

The final approval would have to come from the commission. This will be tabled until the league comes to the commission with a plan.

**4. 2016 Final budget**

The town finance department needs to make a few adjustments to the budget before it is final. It will be presented at the next meeting.

#### 5. Spooky Nights

Tickets went on sale today. Woodstock Academy students will be volunteering for community service, and Killingly High School will have the drama club performing a scene. This year our event will have security guards instead of resident troopers. The troopers are now required to be paid and the cost would have been 3000.00. If the troop needs to be called they will be available.

Set up begins October 9<sup>th</sup>. There are 3 new scenes!!  
There is still a need for volunteers, tractor drivers, wagon riders etc.  
Letters went out for wagons and tractors.  
The rain date will be October 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday.

#### 6. Other Business

The fall festival is Saturday, Sept24th. The recreation department will be unable to have the bike rodeo, on this date, due the cost of the State troopers. There are maps available of Brooklyn in the office made by, Mail -a- Map. For advertising in this brochure, a 500.00 donation was made by Mail-a-Map, to the Jim Boyle Scholarship fund.

The Jim Boyle Scholarship Fund allowed 22 Campers to attend summer camp and the teen center summer program.

The teen center is full and there is a waiting list. Due to the cuts made by the BOF, no additional staff can be hired to accommodate the children on the waiting list. Bucky will be contacting the BOF to discuss the matter.

#### 7. Public Time:

Joe Banas, organizer of the Brooklyn 5K, gave a donation of 1000.00, to the teen center from the money raised from the 5K.

The Commission is extremely grateful for this generous donation.

Mr. Doherty came to discuss some extensive research he did on the perceived danger of the distance of the volleyball pole from the T-ball field at Riverside Park. He came up with solution to make a track of loose sand around the pole large enough to slow an outfielder down to avoid the pole. He presented his proposal to the commission and commended them on the sign and padding on the pole. He would still like to see the track of sand put in place.

Mike Gaudreau stated that the commission also did their due diligence with the design firm and Cirma to make sure the distance between the pole and field were safe. The signage and padding were put in place for safety, the commission then voted to put the issue to rest. He thanked Mr. Doherty but stated no further action would be taken on the matter

**8. Adjournment 7:55**

**Motion made:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lauren Centracchio 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Danna  
All in favor

**Respectfully submitted:** Chris Boyle

