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Minutes of the meeting of the Chester Park and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
Chester Elementary School Cafeteria, 7:00pm

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

In Attendance:

Michael Abramson, Ivey Gianetti, Deron Grabel, Dawn Saunders, John Saunders, and John Williams

Also in Attendance:

Elizabeth Netsch and Randy Netsch

New Members:

We welcomed new members Dawn Saunders and John Saunders

Minutes of the Meeting of January 4, 2017:

Ivey made a motion to accept the January 4, 2017 minutes. Mike seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Audience of Citizens:

There was no audience of citizens.

Director's Report:

March Madness will take place on Sunday, March 5th from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM. On Friday, February 17th Park & Rec is offering a half-day youth sports clinic and camp activities (Chester schools have a half-day on the 17th).

John Saunders volunteered to spearhead the upkeep of the Park & Rec Facebook page.

Liz gave a budget update which included:

**The Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen were pleased with the Park and Recreation fiscal year 2017/2018 proposed budget.

**All raises for part-time seasonal employees went through on January 1, due to the State increase in minimum wage.

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**North Quarter Park was discussed. A Board of Finance member expressed concern that the project timeline was taking so long. The impression from the Board of Finance was that even if the entire project did not happen there will be some new recreation projects completed.

**The weed problem at Cedar Lake was discussed.

**The Park and Recreation Commission is going to expand the sand play area at Cedar Lake on Saturday, May 20th at 8:00 AM. Bring gloves, water, a snack, etc. Tools will be provided.

Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance Special Meeting:

It was discussed and decided that Park and Recreation Commission Members would attend the Wednesday, March 8th joint Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance meeting.

Chairman's Report:

No report

New Chairperson and new Vice-Chairperson:

Nominations for a new chairperson and new vice-chairperson were tabled until our next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Deron moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Deron G. Grabel, Chester Parks & Recreation Commission Member