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**Minutes of the Chester Park and Recreation Commission**  
**Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 7:00pm**  
**Chester Town Hall, Conference Room C**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

**In Attendance:**

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

**Also in Attendance:**

Elizabeth Netsch and Randolph Netsch

**Election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman:**

Ivey Gianetti nominated and Deron Grabel seconded Aaron Page as Chairman and John Williams as Vice Chairman. Thank you to John for his many years of service as Chairman.

**Minutes of the Meeting of February 15, 2017:**

John Williams made a motion to accept the February 15, 2017 minutes. Mike Abramson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Audience of Citizens:**

There was no audience of citizens.

**Director's Report:**

The Chester Elementary School PTO will sponsor a Cedar Lake Parking Lot Pick Up on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

Pelletier Park Renovations will be on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. The main goal is to expand the sand play area. Bring gloves, water, a snack, etc. Tools will be provided.

Tammy Marino has a children's karate proposal. She was not available to attend our meeting tonight. The proposed day, time, location, and cost for children's karate is Thursday's from 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM at Chester Elementary

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School starting April 20<sup>th</sup> and running for four weeks. The cost is \$35.00. All agreed that it was fine to move forward with this initiative, pending contact with her references and employer.

**Chairman's Report:**

The Commission discussed Facebook guidelines. Facebook guidelines were initially discussed at a meeting attended by John Williams, the Director, and First Selectwoman Lauren Gister. It was recommended that only two committee members be administrators for the Chester Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Members recommended Mr. Abramson (event related) and Ms. Gianetti (all other) be the administrators. Mr. Saunders will be an editor. The primary objective of the Chester Parks and Recreation Facebook page is to promote Chester Parks Recreation happenings. We will attempt to keep the scope of the Facebook page on this objective.

**UPDATE = Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance Special Meeting:**

Some Recreation Commission Members attended the Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> joint Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance meeting. It appeared that the Chester Park and Recreation Commission budget was well received by the board members present. It was also made known, and appreciated by the boards, that Chester Parks and Recreation will continue to seek scholarship donations to help children in need afford attending our camps.

**Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Abramson moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

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