



**Minutes of the Chester Park and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 7:00pm
Chester Town Hall, Conference Room C**

Call to Order

Chairman Page called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

John Saunders

Also in Attendance:

Elizabeth Netsch, Randolph Netsch

Minutes of the Meeting of March 22, 2017:

John Williams made a motion to accept the March 22, 2017 minutes. Dawn Saunders seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Audience of Citizens:

There was no audience of citizens.

Director's Report:

Liz reported on the Counselor in Training Program, and said that it is going well. Good feedback from the participants and parents. Liz reported on the Karate program, and said that there are 13 total participants.

Chairman's Report:

- **Library Building Committee Update**
 - John Williams reported that the Library Committee is preparing public meetings on two upcoming dates (May 11th at 7pm and May 13th at 10am at the Chester Meeting House) to inform the public on the progress of the library project and plan.
 - Liz reported that First Selectwoman Gister asked that the Park & Recreation Commission move forward with plans to restore, reclaim and upgrade the former baseball field and playground at North Quarter Park in a way that is not in opposition to the library project.
 - The committee discussed moving forward with work on a new playscape and reclamation of the former ball field in stages, as to work in concert with potential forward movement on the library project.



- Aaron suggested the commission put together a few plans to present to the Board of Finance.
 - John suggested the commission meet with John Larue, of J.P. Larue Inc. at North Quarter Park, or at Town Hall, to review the current play equipment and discuss options. John also suggested Denny Tobey be invited to that meeting.
 - The commission agreed to begin planning the above playscape items in earnest, in September of 2017.
 - John Williams made a motion the commission recommend immediate action to remove the backstop, and repair hazardous holes on the former baseball field and establish a safe open play area, as submitted by the Director of Parks & Recreation, and have four items on the playground removed, as they've become old and could pose a hazard.
 - Ivey Gianetti seconded the motion
 - The motion was unanimously accepted
- **Lake Parking Lot Litter Pick Up on April 29th, 9:00am**
 - Aaron Page noted there will be a good turnout for the litter pickup.
 - **Lake Renovation on May 20th, 8:00am**
 - Commission members and their family members are planning to be at Cedar Lake for the project.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 PM. Members of the commission will meet at Cedar Lake on Saturday, May 20th to clean up the play area and help to spread new sand.

Adjournment:

John Williams moved to adjourn the meeting and Deron Grabel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Abramson, Chester Parks & Recreation Commission Member