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Minutes of the Meeting of the Chester Park and Recreation Commission

These minutes are subject to Commission approval.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

7:00pm

Chester Town Hall, Community Meeting Room

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Members Present: Ivey Gianetti, Deron Grabel, Aaron Page, John Williams, Susan Hotkowski, Elizabeth Williams arrived 7:35

Members Absent: Amy Calandrucchio

Also in Attendance: Elizabeth Netsch, Randa Netsch

Minutes

On a motion duly made by Susan Hotkowski and seconded by Deron Grabel it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the meeting on February 16, 2016.

Audience of Citizens

None

Director's Report

The Director withdrew her request for an exception for student entering Kindergarten to be admitted to additional weeks in the Parks and Recreation Camp program if needed. She explained the addition of Kindergarteners to two more weeks of Summer Camp.

The Director presented the plan for swimming lessons this summer.

The Director reported that hiring is complete for new summer staff members.

The Director presented the most recent park assessments and described current renovation projects at the lake including lightening protection for the shed and the condition of the grass area.

Commission members expressed a preference to using a local electrician instead of a lightening protection company.

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Chairman's Report

Aaron Page, the representative from the Park and Recreation Commission to the Library Planning Committee reported on the positive progress of the committee. He commented that the footprint of the library and the landscape design are not confirmed yet, but the Parks and Recreation Commission should proceed with playscape and playground equipment research and costs, half-court size basketball court research and costs, and nature trail and viewing platform research and costs. Mr. Page suggested Commission members visit new playgrounds in the area.

The Commission discussed concentrating on equipment for ages 2-5 with structures for older children, accessibility, preserving the trees and canopy area, preservation and enhancement of the current trail, and retaining the open field for a variety of activities. They discussed the problems with constructing a baseball field in the back of the park and the lack of use of the three fields maintained at Chester Elementary School. Members reiterated their consensus that a new baseball field is not needed at North Quarter Park and that it would detract from the function of the facility.

On a motion duly made by Elizabeth Williams and seconded by Ivey Gianetti it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Netsch
Director