

**Minutes of the Chester Park and Recreation Commission
Monday March 28, 2022 6:30pm
Chester Town Hall**

Call to Order

Chairman Abramson called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM

In Attendance:

Michael Abramson, Dawn Saunders, Kristin Dean, Paul McAndrew, Linda Carlson, John Saunders, Kurt Zieman

Also in Attendance:

Elizabeth Netsch

Audience of Citizens:

Charlene Janecek, Karen D'Agostino

Proposal from the Audience

Karen D'Agostino proposed Parks & Recreation consider instituting recreational Pickleball in Chester, citing the growing popularity of the sport and the low startup cost. The Commission agreed to consider purchasing a net, and instituting a workshop or clinic to gauge interest from the residents of Chester.

Minutes of the Meeting of February 28, 2022

Kristin Dean made a motion to accept the February 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Linda Carlson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Director's Report:

- Ms. Netsch reported signups for summer camp were very strong, and that camp is now full.
- Ms. Netsch reported that in-person babysitter training had been held for the first time since the start of the pandemic, and that it went well.
- Ms. Netsch reported that she had submitted a request for the dispersment of Capital funds that had been for Parks & Recreation projects for the current fiscal year, to address a severe drainage issue at North Quarter Park.

Chairman's Report:

- The Rotary Club of Chester generously offered to fund adding gaming tables to North Quarter Park. The Club had previously offered to fund a water station, but that option was deemed too expensive. The club discussed the offer and made plans to discuss with the Rotary Club.

- The Commission is still waiting on a proposal for a study of the viability of a boardwalk between the Nature Trail at North Quarter Park, and the cemetery downtown.
- The Chairman previously asked that Commission Members bring ideas to the meeting for new programs or projects the Commission could consider over the next year. Several ideas were put forth, and action items were assigned for follow-up.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Abramson, Chester Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman