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WATERTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
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DATE: Thursday, February 7, 2019
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Falls Avenue Senior Center
311 Falls Avenue, Oakville, Ct. 06779

I. Call to Order:
Lisa Carew called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

II. Roll Call
PRESENT: William Donston, Chairman
Ken LaRosa, V. Chairman
Robert Kane
Christopher Martin
Pat Rinaldi

ABSENT: Sabra Ann Sarandrea
Donald Stepanek

OTHERS PRESENT: Lou Razza, Town Council Liaison
Lisa Carew, Parks & Recreation Director

III. Election of Officers:
Lisa Carew entertained a motion for Chairman.
A. Chairman

Ken LaRosa, I would like to nominate William Donston as Chairman.
Robert Kane seconded the nomination.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Nominations are closed.
Lisa Carew All those in favor of nominating William Donston as Chairman.

Motion approved
William Donston is declared Chairman

Chairman William Donston took over meeting.

B. Vice-Chairman

William Donston, I would like to nominate Ken LaRosa as Vice Chairman.
Robert Kane seconded the nomination.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Nominations are closed.

William Donston All those in favor of nominating Ken LaRosa as Vice Chairman.

Motion approved
Ken LaRosa is declared Vice Chairman.

C. Secretary

Pat Rinaldi, I would like to nominate Christopher Martin as Secretary
Ken LaRosa seconded the nomination.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Nominations are closed

William Donston All those in favor of nominating Christopher Martin as Secretary.

Motion approved
Christopher Martin is declared Secretary.

IV. Public Participation:
None

V. Approval of Minutes:
A. January 3, 2019, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Ken LaRosa seconded by Robert Kane to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for January 3, 2019.

Motion Approved

VI. Correspondence:
- William Donston's letter to Town Council regarding redirect laborer's position from Board of Education to Park's Maintenance Department.
- Letter from Roy Cavanaugh Forest Management.
- Memorial Day Parade
- Block Parties
- Connecticut Communities Foundation
- Dog Park Donations
- Thomaston Savings Bank donation to dog park
- Budget review with Town Council 7:30 WHS on March 4, 2019.

VII. Chairman's Report:
Chairman William Donston reported:
- Connecticut Community Foundation endowment
- Naming structures at BOE
- Bridge in Oakville in memory of Fallen Police & Fire Fighters
- Veterans’ Council
- Basketball courts (HP relocation). Mr. Donston will talk to Tom Lambert, BOE Facilities.

VIII. Crestbrook Park Golf Course Sub-Committee Report:
Sub-committee Chairman Ken LaRosa reported
A. Crestbrook Park Golf Course
   1. 6 to 7 weeks will be open.
   2. Improve appearances
   3. Starters/Rangers
   4. Long term issues on course with drainage, bunkers and moving.
   5. Sub-Committee meeting
      - Jan Wivestad and restaurant will combine forces.
      - The Restaurant is developing a golfers’ menu.
      - Discussion over area private clubs are offering options that are competitive.
      - Robert Kane suggested book a tournament – Book the restaurant.

B. Facilities & Fields Permits
   1. Tournament Rules & Regulations – Tabled 9/6/18
   2. Field Usage – Tabled 12/6/18
Field permitting annual meeting was held this past Saturday.

IX. Parks & Recreation Director’s Report:
Lisa Carew reported:
A. Crestbrook Park Golf Course – Sub-Committee Chairman LaRosa already reported status
B. Parks & Greenways
   - Steele Brooke Greenway – Town Attorney is working on privately owned land areas
   - Naugatuck River Greenway – Old Drive-In section has been turned over
C. Recreation – programs are running
D. Senior Services/Municipal Agent – January report from Catherine Dinsmore
   - CT Community Foundation accepted by grant application to fund a Strength Training Class. Received $3900 to pay instructor for 52 weeks. Participation is first-come, first served. Class size is 20.
   - Seniors voted to return to advance signups for special events. To be reinstituted in February.
   - Senior Santa program gave Social Services $2090 in gift cards for teens and tweens. Total $ in gift cards since inception in 2013=$13,173. 61 of the 77 children ages 10-18 were not sponsored. Total children in holiday program 149.

Special Events in addition to ongoing weekly programs:
- Reiki
- Reflexology
- Cooking with Corky
- First Ladies: An Adventure in Glamour, Guts & Gumption
- JFK & Camelot
- Soap Making Demonstration

E. Social Services & Food & Fuel Bank – Donors were very generous for the holidays

X. Old Business:
A. 2019-2020 Budget – Budget with Town Manager and Town Council.
B. Dog Park Update - $1,500.00 from Thomaston Savings Bank
C. Pocket Park 120 Falls Avenue – Tabled from 9/6/18 meeting – No update
D. Convicted Sex Offenders on Town Property – Tabled 9/6/18 – Town Council Liaison Louis Razza felt the Police Chief would be able to state the law

XI. New Business:
A. CT Communities Foundation – The Jack Staver Endowment to the P & R Department – Announcement will be made sometime later this month or early March.
B. 2019 CBP Retired Men’s Golf Association Schedule

*MOTION: Ken LaRosa seconded by Christopher Martin to approve the Retired Men’s Golf Association Schedule.*

Motion approved.

C. Horatio’s Golf Tournament Request – 5/21/19, rain date 5/24/19

*MOTION: Ken LaRosa seconded by Christopher Martin to approve Horatio’s Golf Tournament request.*

Motion approved.

E. Watertown Lion’s Club Annual Golf Outing request – 5/17/19

*MOTION: Ken LaRosa seconded by Christopher Martin to approve the Watertown Lion’s Club Annual Golf Outing request.*

Motion approved.

F. Watertown Farmers Market – new location on Route 6 Maintenance Garage – Parking at the Old Westbury Room.

**XII. Public Participation:** Limited to Listed Agenda Items Above. – None.

**XII. Adjournment:**

*MOTION: Ken LaRosa seconded by Christopher Martin to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:35 p.m.*

Motion Approved
Respectfully submitted,

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William Donston, Chairman
Watertown Parks and Recreation Commission

Approved: _______________________
Susan King, Clerk