

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 7:00 PM**

**Members of Voluntown Recreation Commission:**

Lloyd VanLanen, Chairman  
Michael Magario  
Peter Cassidy  
Marc Pelletier  
Tammy VanLanen, Treasurer

Melinda Bryan, Secretary  
Chuck Salter  
Belinda Wiese  
Kevin Woodcock

Absent: None

Guests: Ed Conn, Roxanne Grey, Jason Neri Chris Mattson

*The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.  
Kevin made the motion to approve the minutes Tammy seconded. The minutes from the last meeting have been approved.*

**New Business**

**Griswold Soccer Club**

Ed Conn requested that Griswold Soccer Club use the large field for practices only (Monday – Friday) and use the small field behind the town garage for games on Saturdays from 9am – 1pm. The recreation commission gave him a list of requests from the town and the school regarding the field. Ed requested that if any issues arise to please let him know and he will resolve the problem. He also requested that if we put down fertilizer to do it on a Monday or Tuesday.

**Chris Mattson – Youth Basketball**

Chris Mattson came to see if Voluntown would be interested in joining other towns like Lisbon, Canterbury, and Griswold and create one youth basketball program for grades K through 8. Melinda suggested that Chuck Salter and Chris Mattson continue to coach their own towns' children but get together to explore the possibility of playing games against each other.

**Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association**

Van asked if the commission was interested in joining the CRPA for \$400 a year. Members asked what benefits it gives and Van outline the CRPA benefits. Tabled until the next meeting to see how much the Safety Inspector class costs.

## **Old Business**

### **Basketball fence**

A proposal was received from Mastercraft Fence and Construction to supply a 10ft x 6ft swing gate and install it for \$1250. If the current gate is used the replacement fee would be \$450. If we were to remove and install fence on inside of poles it would cost \$925. The recreation commission decided that they would repair the fence on their own as long as it does not exceed \$450. Chuck made the first motion and Belinda seconded.

### **Playground Equipment/Swings**

Van will contact Bob Sirpenski to have town remove the concrete around duck apparatus at the playground.

The remaining swings will remain in place until we have a certified inspector look at them.

The recreation commission will look into who is responsible for conducting safety inspections on recreational equipment (playground, etc). Tammy will contact Tracey and ask her to follow up on the inspection and safety of equipment.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **General Discussion**

After meeting with the school, it was determined that the town needs to take on the stair project and the recreation commission will oversee the project. It was suggested that lights be installed with the stairs as well. Van will contact Paul Byricki to see if we can apply for an ADA grant. The projected start date of the project if the grant is obtained will be June 2016. Once we get information from John Faulise, the stair committee will meet.

Van will contact John about getting a certified letter sent to Dalton Track and Tennis regarding paint chips on the basketball court.

Melinda asked if the Zumba instructor had to be insured and the commission said "yes" due to the fact that she is getting paid.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Kevin made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Belinda seconded. (Unanimous)

*Respectfully submitted by Melinda Bryan*