

Town of Hamden
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of a Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 28th, 2021
7:00 PM

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Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Leonardo called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- 2. Attendance**
 - a. In Attendance:** Rich Leonardo, Chairman; Christine Huber; Ken Sweeten; Sarah Morrill
 - b. Absent:** Arnie Mann; Thaddeus Watson; Chris Ruggiero
 - c. Also in Attendance:** Craig Cesare, Director of Public Works/Parks Departments; Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
- 3. Approval of Past Minutes:** June 16th, 2021
 - a.** Ms. Huber made a motion to approve the June 16th minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Morrill. All were in favor.
- 4. Parks and Recreation Director's Report**
 - a.** There was a brief discussion regarding holding future virtual meetings during the lunch hour. A final decision will be made at the next meeting, which will take place on August 10th at 5:45 PM. Mr. Cesare noted the overwhelming success of the youth summer camps, which heralded about 100 campers. He commended the staff for exceptional preparation and execution of the camp program. Ms. Morrill asked about the recent carnival. Mr. Cesare explained that a recent festival was held in conjunction with the police. There is an ongoing effort to maintain a strong relationship with PAL, the Police Activities League. Ms. Morrill suggested inviting a PAL member/representative to the August meeting, in an effort to see how the commission can get involved and offer any assistance. Mr. Cesare suggested she reach out to Sergeant William Onofrio. Ms. Morrill also brought up a concern about youth football equipment experiencing water damage on the lower middle school field. Mr. Cesare explained that the youth equipment trailers are on BOE property, and therefore if there is a desire to move them, BOE needs to be involved.
- 5. Old Business**

a. Patrick Donnelly- Update

- i. Mr. Donnelly was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Morrill reiterated the need to correlate information regarding the youth sports leagues- that is readily available to the public. All commissioners are looking forward to an update on the social media policy at the August meeting.

6. New Business: N/A

7. General Comments/ Suggestions

8. **Adjournment:** Ms. Huber made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm, which was seconded by Ms. Morrill. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk