

**Colchester Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Town Hall Rm. 3**  
**April 2, 2018, 7:00PM**

**Members Present:** E. Kundahl, K. Moody, T. Bruni, N. Kaplan, L. Stephenson, M. Pulse, B. Kniska and S. Longello

**Members Absent:** F. Ricci

**Others Present:** Recreation Manager T. Quinn, BOS D. Mizla, BOF A. Bisbikos, Amanda w/ WBMW and Clerk J. Campbell

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**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by E. Kundahl at 7:00 pm.

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

None

**3. Acceptance of Minutes: March 5, 2018**

N. Kaplan MOTIONED to accept the 03-05-2018 meeting minutes, SECONDED by K. Moody. E. Kundahl & T. Bruni ABSTAINED. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Reading of Correspondence**

None

**5. Committee Reports**

- **Facilities** – N. Kaplan reported that the fields are wet. T. Quinn stated that she has spoken with the schools to remind them fields are still closed. E. Kundahl has spoken with Public Works and R7 will be closed for a while due to sinkholes that have opened up.
- **Finance/Administration** – No Report
- **Programs** – No Report
- **BOS Liaison** – D. Mizla reported that there will be a Budget Forum tomorrow night. Both Budgets will be presented. She encourages everyone to come and ask any questions they may have.
- **BOF Liaison** – A. Bisbikos reported that there are workshops next week geared toward each budget. BOE has proposed a 0 increase. N. Kaplan wanted to let BOF know that while at a local breakfast place he had overheard conversations about the budgets. He feels the no voters are going to have a large turnout.
- **BOE Liaison** – No one present

**6. Recreation Manager Report** – T. Quinn reported that some radio stations have been in contact with her regarding advertising for summer camp. She feels it's a lot of money. They are looking to meet a goal of 130 kids per week. She is working with K. Jackson to get more room for rainy days and pre-school campers. Winterberry presented an irrigation plan. Previous amounts were discussed at \$28,000-\$38,000 per field. E. Kundahl thinks splash pad connection should be made first. T. Quinn asked about HS not paying for field use. They are the same budget so no money changes hands. She is working with PW to have the splash pad repainted. Thursday she is meeting with the BOS to discuss a position name change from Manager to Director. T. Quinn met with some HS kids about the skate park. Their teacher is willing to be a part of the group discussion and help. Kids would need to create committee to help fund raise. They talked about moving by tennis courts. WI-FI at RecPlex, looking to see if it works. Suggested hotspot for camp. Spoke with HS about needing to replace the youth lacrosse nets from their damage. Also addressed the garbage being left behind in dugouts. Deposit process has changed. Talked about potentially changing the

cancellation policy. Most commissioners were not for a change. 57Fest meeting was held with department heads. Suggestions were made to have name contest. EDC would like to join forces with the P&R to create an event to put Colchester on the map. Suggestions were made to add to 57fest. 6 new arches were purchased for the green at a discounted price. She will be looking for sponsors. Working with PW on new signs for recplex playground rules and a handicap swing. Town Wide Tag Sale is a new event that will be happening this summer. K. Moody MOTIONED to approve the recreation manager's report, SECONDED by L. Stephenson. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

7. **Recreation Supervisor Report** – Members read over the supervisor's report. N. Kaplan MOTIONED to approve the recreation supervisor's report, SECONDED by T. Bruni. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
8. **Citizen's Comments** – D. Mizla asked when the Town clean-up is. Town clean-up is this weekend, Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am on the green.
9. **Adjournment** – K. Moody MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, SECONDED by L. Stephenson. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeanie Campbell*, Clerk