

**TOWN OF GRANBY
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Minutes
October 6, 2015**

PRESENT: Brigid Gunn, Chairman, Squire Bressor, Sue Lasota, Jennifer Bilodeau, Abby Roughton, Sue Yucha, and Tom Tyburski, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services

ABSENT: Kathy Ungerleider

PUBLIC: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Brigid Gunn

MINUTES

On a motion by Sue Lasota, seconded by Jennifer Bilodeau, the minutes from the September 1, 2015 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC SESSION

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Follow up regarding goals/initiatives of the P&R Board – Jennifer Bilodeau suggested having an “open house” type event at the North Barn Pavilion with the goal of increasing rentals at the venue. A suggestion was made for tag sale event.
- Recycling – Brigid shared some photos of recycling receptacles ideas to check into for Salmon Brook Park.
- Tom Tyburski is working with Sandy Yost, Director of Human Services, with regards to programming that may appeal to the older generation.
- Jennifer Bilodeau said she thinks there should be more focus on programming/activities for teens (ages 12-15).
- Sue Lasota suggested that on half days maybe there could be an outdoor activity or bus trip for teens.
- Brigid Gunn bought up ultimate Frisbee.
- Open Mic afternoons.

NEW BUSINESS

Programs Updates –

- The Recreation Staff was approached by Meg Winzer regarding starting a Zumba program at the Park House. She wants to start with Monday/Wednesday classes in November.
- Sue Lasota suggested looking into forming a Line Dancing program.
- Fencing Program starts today – 10 kids are registered.
- Registration is open for the following programs: After School Ski Sundown program, Youth Rec Basketball, ARC Babysitting and When I’m in Charge.
- Both sessions for Super Soccer Sundays sold out.
- New program – Adult Beginner’s French class has 11 participants.
- After School Field Hockey program numbers are low.

Town Parks and Facilities Updates -

- Acoustic panels for the Gathering Room at the Park House have been ordered.

- Geese have been a real problem at Salmon Brook Park – especially the pond area. Tom Tyburski purchased lights that flash at night to keep them from roosting there. Still had a problem during the day. Daphne Shinder conducted some research and discovered that geese don't like swans – Tom purchased swan decoys and placed them in various places in the pond. They have done a great job so far in keeping the geese from landing.
- The park roadway lighting project is under way.

New Programs –
None

OTHER BUSINESS AS NECESSARY

- During September's meeting, Tom asked the Park and Rec Board if there was an event or program they would like to see run. A "winter series" idea was brought up. Tom passed this by Town Manager Smith and he was on board with the idea. The Board decided on the following dates/events:
 - January 23, 2016 – Painting Night (similar to an "Uncorked" event)
 - February 20, 2016 – Comedy Night
 - March 19, 2016 – Irish Music Performance
- Tom and Brigid asked the Board about making some modifications to the 2016 meeting schedule:
 - On a motion by Jennifer Bilodeau, seconded by Abby Roughton, there will no longer be a July Park and Recreation Board meeting.
 - On a motion by Sue Yucha, seconded by Sue Lasota, the January and June meeting locations will be held at the North Barn Pavilion and The May 2016 meeting will be held at Ahrens Park.
- Sue Yucha asked if the Recreation department was going to do the annual Granby Skate night at Simsbury Farms. Tom said he would reserve the ice and the group recommended February 26, 2016 as the first choice date.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Squire Bressor, seconded by Sue Yucha, the meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

PLEASE NOTE: The next meeting is going to be Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 7:00 at the Park House at Salmon Brook Park in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Shinder

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Recording Secretary