

**TOWN OF GRANBY
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
Minutes
September 1, 2015**

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

ABSENT: Abby Roughton

PUBLIC: None

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Jennifer Bilodeau and seconded by Kathy Ungerleider, the minutes from the June 2, 2015 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC SESSION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Programs Updates –

- Into fall activities. The Rec Soccer program numbers are higher this year than last. Unable to field a Girls 5-6 team and a Girls 7-8 team so Dept. Staff had to cancel them. The Rec Dept. noted they have a hired professional coaches from Challenger Soccer for grades K-2. This is the first year that the grade 2 kids have received professional instruction.
- Adding more after school programs this year. The Rec Dept. has added an Adult French class to the existing Adult Foreign Language Program that already included Beginner and Intermediate Spanish and Italian classes.

Town Parks and Facilities Updates -

- Tom Tyburski was approached by Tom Andersen from Granby Youth Football inquiring about the need for a flag pole at Ahrens Park. Tom Tyburski was able to get 1/3 of the funds from Granby Youth Football and 1/3 of the funds from Granby Youth Lacrosse. The Town of Granby picked at the remaining costs and installation.
- 20-25 additional parking spaces are in the process of being constructed at Salmon Brook Park. Tom has received positive feedback these new spaces and the consensus has been they are long overdue.
- Salmon Brook Park roadway and parking lot lighting project went out to bid. Project work expected to begin starting mid-September. Light poles from the main entrance at Route 10 down the roadway to the Park House. Upon completion of the lighting project the road will also be paved from parking area to Route 10.
- Bathhouse renovations will begin this fall.
- Received approval for the acoustic panels for the Gathering Room at the Park House. Tom is going to gather some quotes.

Summer 2015 Update –

- Mr. Tyburski handed out a sheet comparing 2013, 2014 & 2015 summer programs. Day camp numbers have increased each year.
- The Sunset Series 5k races were very well attended. Wally Hansen did a great job.
- Concerts went well.
- Movie Night – Back to the Future - had face-painting, classic cars, Daddy-O (band). Tom wishes it had been better attended.
- Sue Lasota said it would be nice if Granby had street banners (like Simsbury) announcing upcoming events. Mr. Tyburski will check with Community Development Director about this possibility.

New Programs –

None

OTHER BUSINESS AS NECESSARY

- Tom asked the Park and Rec Board if there was an event or program they would like to see run. Ice Rink in the park was an idea. Brigid Gunn suggested a scarecrow decorating contest, Jennifer Bilodeau; a pumpkin carving contest. A discussion ensued and ideas such as wine tasting, comedy show, coffee house (music), art show, etc. were brought up. Talks about a “winter series” which would include three of the above activities were discussed as well as the possibility of offering babysitting services during those events.
- This year’s Tree Lighting will be an all-day event either on 12/5 or 12/12.
- The Recreation Department interviewed two people for their open part-time position. Hoping to make an offer by the end of the week.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jennifer Bilodeau and seconded by Kathy Ungerleider, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

PLEASE NOTE: The next meeting is going to be Tuesday, October 6, 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