

TOWN OF HEBRON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
January 29, 2009 – Special Meeting
Town Office Building

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R. Calarco
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Members Present: R. Poudrier, E. Ott, C. Natorski, A. Fitzpatrick, P. Hartan, A. Heneghan, A. Smith (8:15 p.m.)

Staff Present: R. Calarco, Parks & Recreation Director

Guests: G. Mulligan, C. DiPasquale, D. Grabowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Park Policy: R. Calarco stated that there have been four allocation policies that have been reviewed over the past months. The resident equity formula has been implemented to evenly distribute available fields to the resident users of Hebron. R. Calarco also stated that guidelines for cancellation of activity on Town athletic fields have been developed along with disciplinary action steps for refusal to follow the guidelines.

R. Calarco stated that they would like to work with the youth groups on field scheduling and if it becomes where it cannot be worked out, then they will use mediation. In addition, the game schedule needs to be kept updated. A. Fitzpatrick suggested sitting down face to face a couple of times per year to come up with a schedule. R. Calarco noted that a solid plan needs to be developed that would penalize the organization that abuses the rules. A. Fitzpatrick indicated that this should be addressed at a coach's meeting.

R. Calarco noted that this season will not be an enforceable one, but a time to begin educating people on these rules.

C. DiPasquale stated that Columbia will be allowing lacrosse to use their fields this year. R. Calarco indicated that lacrosse may use Old Colchester Road field for practices. R. Calarco noted that he has requested that RHAM call him when they cancel and reschedule a game.

R. Poudrier moved and C. Natorski seconded a motion that the youth groups are encouraged to cooperate together and with the department to allocate field use. Field allocation policy resident equity formula proposal #2 shall be arbiter of field use. The motion passed unanimously.

Park Project: R. Calarco reported that he put in for a stimulus package for approximately \$500,000 which should cover the items that were previously cut from the project.

R. Calarco reported that they should officially open on August 15, 2009. They will be tight in usage in the fall because the grass may not be ready. They will be inviting all the businesses in Town to come and display items.

R. Calarco stated that Hebron was chosen by the Conn. Park Association for a big field day at the new field. They will be doing demonstrations on the field and the Town will receive the bases from this.

R. Calarco indicated that PZC would like the Commission to be very careful on overlapping of games. They will be watching this very carefully.

R. Calarco reported that he has a Boy Scout group who will build walking ramps to go to two of the fields. This will be done in the spring.

Alexandra Smith arrived at 8:15 p.m.

There was some discussion regarding if the youth groups were to put up a pavilion or something similar who would own it. R. Calarco noted that the Town would ultimately own the building.

D. Grabowski questioned what the deadline is for planning for a score board. R. Calarco stated that the deadline would be pretty soon as they will be going to PZC by the end of March.

Director's Report: R. Calarco reported that the Town is holding off on hiring another full time park maintainer. R. Calarco had suggested to J. Clark that \$22,000 could be taken out of Fund 4 to help pay for the park person. P. Hartan requested to see the language in Fund 4. J. Clark is looking for a two year commitment from Fund 4 for the salary for the park position. The Commission did not want to commit to two years. They would be willing to help out for one year out of Fund 4.

R. Calarco noted that when Gilead Hill School went to full day Kindergarten the PREP program lost \$32,000.

Liaison Reports:

Anne Heneghan talked about the capital campaign for the park and thought that the small bathroom for \$125,000 might be something that could be done by the Friends.

Peters House – A. Fitzpatrick stated that the Peters House ReUse Committee was formerly disbanded. A final report was submitted to the Board of Selectmen in October. Anne Fitzpatrick noted that she is very upset that the stabilization has not gotten off the ground as of yet. There will be a public hearing on the local historic designation on

Thursday, February 5, 2009. The Town did submit a STEAP grant for approximately \$430,000 for the Peters House.

Open Space – A. Smith stated that Open Space Land Acquisition met last week and there is still some good activity in talking to land owners but nothing is completely underway. There is \$800,000 in the fund and the Committee will be asking for \$500,000 to go into the fund in the next fiscal year.


Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2008: It was noted on Page 1, 7th paragraph, “100%” should be “99%”. Also on Page 1, same paragraph, last sentence add the following after “over”, “the \$2,496,000”. In the last paragraph “RFP’s” should be “RFPs”.

On Page 2, 5th paragraph, “not” should be “no”. On Page 3, 3rd paragraph “AED” should be moved to after “automatic defibrillator”. On Page 4, “Friends of the Park” should be “Friends of Hebron Parks”. On Page 6, 1st sentence should read as follows: “P. Hartan reported that he has been approached by parents who believe that some of the 4th grade boys are playing in the 5th/6th grade league and should not be on the recreation team.....” Also on Page 6, 4th paragraph, “Trial” should be “Trail”.

Throughout the minutes “Harten” should be “Hartan”.

C. Natorski moved and A. Heneghan seconded a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2008 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Tricia Schiavi
Board Clerk

NOTICE

Many residents have requested a copy of the policy that was voted on at the January 29, 2009 meeting. So in the spirit of providing information, this copy of the policy is being placed here for the convenience of the public.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Proposal #2

FIELD ALLOCATION POLICY
RESIDENT EQUITY FORMULA

The following formula has been implemented to evenly distribute available field to the resident users of Hebron. While non resident use is permitted under the rules of use, resident use shall take priority.

Equity Formula:

Resident participants age = (+ score)

Non- resident participants age X 3 = (- score)

A: Organization user load = Sum of all residents and non-residents per sport.

B: Total user load = Sum of all groups combined.

C: Total field load = Amount of available field time in minutes

D: Field Time per participant = Quotient of C divided by B

E: Allocation per organization = Product of D multiplied by A

Example:

HAS has 31 participants = +31
non-resident $\frac{-1}{30}$
Total Score

HAS 30+ HYSBA 40+ HLX 10+ = 80
therefore B + 80

Total weekly minutes = 32
therefore C = 32

C/B $\frac{3240}{80}$ 40.5 minutes per participant

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HAS gets 30 x 40.5 = 1,215 minutes per week
HYSBA gets 40 x 40.5 = 1,620 minutes per week
HLX gets 10 x 40.5 = 405 minutes per week

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