

**TOWN OF HEBRON  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 23, 2010**

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Members Present: C. Natorski, P. Hartan, A. Fitzpatrick (in at 8:12pm) and M. Gauthier

Members Absent: R. Poudrier and A. Heneghan (with notice)

Guests Present: Bill Blake, Burrows Hill Road  
Josselyn Salafia, Recreation Coordinator  
Jared Redmond, Recreation Coordinator

Staff Present: R. Calarco, Director of Parks & Recreation

1. Ascertain a Quorum

A quorum is present.

2. Call to Order

P. Hartan called the meeting to order at 7:37p.m.

3. Citizen Comments/Correspondence

Bill Blake is present to discuss the men's open gym basketball program. He gave a brief history of the program and asked that a second night be added for the younger players. R. Calarco stated that the players must be sixteen (16) years or older to play and that he didn't see a problem with adding a second night.

Bill Blake exited the meeting at 7:49pm.

R. Calarco provided members with the following email correspondence which was received and which is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

- March 1, 2010 from Lynn Wolanin
- March 10, 2010 from Brian Sears
- March 11, 2010 from Greg Shortell
- March 16, 2010 from Sharon Stone

4. Recreation Coordinators program review

Recreation Coordinators Josselyn Salafia and Jarred Redmond are present to discuss the programs.

## Basketball

J. Redmond reported on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program. He noted that all playing time is at Gilead Hill School and that this year they had 4 girl and 8 boys' teams. It is currently a 7 week program and they are looking to extend it to 10. He also noted that a small scrimmage will be eased into the program later in the season to allow for more progression. R. Calarco noted that the fee to play will have to be increased slightly to accommodate for the extra weeks.

J. Salafia reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade program. She stated that currently all playing time is on Saturdays but next year they hope to split the weekends and have the girls play on Saturday and the boys on Sunday. With regard to the referees, she stated that there are 3 adult referees who they tried to pair the adult referees with the high school students in the hopes of teaching the high school students to be confident with their calls.

R. Calarco stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade ends their season with a jamboree which typically occurs during school vacation. He stated that he believes that basketball should finish to give the children a break before baseball and lacrosse starts. P. Hartan suggested making the 10<sup>th</sup> week the jamboree. Members discussed that there is not currently a foul out rule at this level. Members discussed having the score table keep track of the fouls and that 5 fouls committed in such an abbreviated game time should be the limit.

R. Calarco stated that with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams, this year there were 4 girls' and 8 boys' teams. Currently, he noted the boys end their year with a tournament while the girls have a jamboree and that as a result the boys have the extra expense of board officials for the same fee as the girls. Members agreed that the girls should also end their year with a tournament.

A. Fitzpatrick entered the meeting at 8:12pm.

Members discussed with R. Calarco the problems with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade league and some ways to remedy it. Members also discussed the impact of the potential cuts to RHAM middle school sports.

J. Redmond reported on the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade teams. He reported that there was one girl team which won the league but that they need to promote the program and recruit. He also reported that they are looking at getting more gym time by utilizing the multi purpose room at Gilead Hill School for practice. R. Calarco reported that the RHAM gym bill was \$8400 this year, down from \$9500 last year.

R. Calarco reported on the travel teams. He noted that the fee includes 2 tournaments and that an increase will have to be made to pay for the second tournament. Members discussed the issue with having the travel kids also allowed to play on the rec teams. Members reviewed the current policy and how and why they had arrived at it. Members discussed that only a very small number of kids currently choose to play on both and that in one game a boy scored 38 of the teams 42 points. Members discussed options

including that both travel and rec are mandated or that no rec is allowed if chosen for travel.

*Motion:*

*P. Hartan moved that players roistered on travel teams are not allowed to play in the recreation programs for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. A. Fitzpatrick seconded.*

Members discussed how much playing and practice time is required by the travel teams.

*The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).*

Members then briefly discussed the draft process.

P. Hartan stated that in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade level there is an introduction to pressing which makes the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the games somewhat crazy. He suggested that it be mandated that one quarter for zone defense.

R. Calarco reported that the boys 7<sup>th</sup> grade travel team won the Central League Tournament, that the 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade won their league and that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade won the Nutmeg League.

J. Redmond reported that the Great Escape Camp will now include a homeroom for the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. He noted also that block scheduling will be utilized and that the campers will return to their homerooms for lunch, snack and, at the end of the day.

J. Salafia reported on the Discovery Camp for the PreK through 1<sup>st</sup> grade. She stated that the program will run 7 weeks from 8:00 to 4:00 with an extended care option and there also will be a half day option from 8:00 to 12:00. She stated that this camp includes activities such as art, sports and games, field trips, nature walks, visits from organizations and, special events on Fridays.

J. Redmond reported on the PREP program. He stated that block scheduling is utilized for this program and that there will be homework room for the older children. R. Calarco reported that 6 part time employees will lose their jobs in PREP if the town goes to full day kindergarten.

R. Calarco reported on the summer brochure noting that it is 20 full pages and there will be a slight postage fee. He also reported on the man hours saved by the brochure.

R. Calarco reported that Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Burnt Hill Park Day (rain date Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>) and will include games, entertainment, and the ice cream truck.

J. Salafia stated that National Trails Day will be Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 and that there will be stations set up along the airline trail running from Colchester to East Hampton designed to promote activity.

J. Redmond reported that the Easter Egg Hunt will happen on Sat. March 27<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

J. Salafia reported that the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Road Race will occur on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

J. Redmond reported that the Halloween program will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Lions Fairgrounds.

J. Salafia reported that the Holiday Extravaganza is planned for this year and that it will include arts and crafts, decorating ornaments for Santa to sign and a visit from Santa.

Commission members thanked J. Redmond and J. Salafia and they exited the meeting at 9:13pm

5. Director's Report

Parks

R. Calarco reported that work on the spur at the airline trail has begun and that he gained one part-time employee back this week. He also reported that this year there will be 28 different field combinations to maintain. R. Calarco also reported that there are 2 pavilion rentals to date.

R. Calarco reported that it will be tough year without the college help and briefly reviewed the staff hours.

Budget

R. Calarco gave a brief review of the budget presentation given to the BOS and BOF and noted that the increase to the budget of \$1700 – \$1800 was appreciated. A. Fitzpatrick added that both CIP and the BOS seem to have faith in R. Calarco and his department.

6. Acceptance of February 23, 2010 meeting minutes

It was noted that A. Heneghan and E. Ott should be absent "with notice." On Page 1 it was noted that item #4, Commission Policy and Assignment Review, that the first sentence should read, "R. Poudrier suggested that the Commission Policy and Assignment Review be covered in a special meeting or workshop" and that the second sentence beginning with , "R. Calarco noted that in March..." should be deleted in its entirety.

It was noted that on Page 3, under item #5, Directors Report, Budget, the first sentence of the second paragraph should read, "R. Calarco gave members information regarding Fund 1 including that Fund 1 is the..." It was also noted that in the fourth paragraph, the second sentence should read, "He noted that it may be higher because all of the basketball games the league scheduled with Andover were scheduled as home games on the weekends."

*Motion:*

*C. Natorski moved to accept the February 23, 2009, minutes as amended.  
A. FitzPatrick seconded and the motion passed (5-0-0).*

7. Liaison Reports

M. Gauthier asked about the flowers done by the Moms Club at the airline trail. R. Calarco stated that he would like to see them moved to the entrance at Burnt Hill Park on the left.

E. Ott stated that he sent an email to baseball regarding their schedule and has not received a response to date. He also stated that he worked with the Friends of the Parks at the MapleFest.

C. Natorski stated that a town meeting will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> for the approval of open space purchases and asked for support from the Commission in getting the 25 votes needed to approve the purchases.

8. Next Meeting Topics, April, Burnt Hill Building, Operation Tour, May, Meeting with RHAM Board and June


R. Calarco reported that he may need to move the April meeting from Burnt Hill Park. He reported that he needs to get the move on the BOS Agenda, go to P&CZ and then get a building permit before the move can occur. He also noted that the office cannot shut down during summer camps so that if the move doesn't happen by June 15<sup>th</sup> it can't happen until after August 15<sup>th</sup>.

9. Adjournment

*Motion:*

*A. Fitzpatrick moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m. C. Natorski seconded and the motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jillene B. Woodmansee  
Board Clerk