

**Litchfield Park and Recreation
80 Doyle Road
Bantam, Connecticut 06750
May 23, 2011**

May Minutes

Present: President Ann McCarthy, Secretary Diane Fredsall, Park and Recreation Director Brent Hawkins, Ed Fabbri, Lisa Bauer, Helen Bunnell

Absent: Vice President Dan Calhoun, Jim Keller

Call to Order:

President Ann McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Ed to accept the April minutes; seconded by Ann.
Motion was approved

Comments from the Public:

None

Commissioner Requests:

Ed – Summer Program Insurance

Correspondence:

A Thank You note from The Litchfield Junior Women was received.

Old Business:

a. Community Field Project: Jack Healy is to meet with B & R Construction on Tuesday, May 24 to go over punch list. The Commissioners would like the following items to be added to said Punch list:

1. Field is still ponding
2. Track has low spots
3. Grass is not growing evenly
4. Driveway to be fixed by B & R so that warranty remains in place

Helen made the following motion: “That the third payment be withheld from B & R until all issues are resolved”. Lisa seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Other questions we would like addressed are when are the trees being planted and when will the pavement be striped.

b. Outdoor Movies: Hawk reported that we have four donations toward our movie. Ann, Diane and Hawk will continue to talk with local businesses to get donations.

c. Bantam Lake Boat Launch: Nothing new to report

d. Block Party: The previously scheduled band could not make the date for the block party do to two members being unavailable for the performance; Hawk has booked the Dynamite All Star Disco Review. Hawk will meet with Lee Losee to go over electric placement for the Block Party.

e. Summer Program Insurance Issues: All camps are on with the exception of Girls Basketball. No coach was available. Camps will charge a bit extra to cover the insurance costs.

New Business:

a. Tri-Town Lease: Hawk reported that Peter Losee and Leo Paul have been discussing a new lease for Tri-Town. Hawk will contact Leo Paul to find out what is happening.

b. Community Field Bathrooms: The Bathrooms are open and waiting to get renovated. Public Works is in charge of this project. The Bathrooms will be getting new toilets, stalls, sinks, plumbing.

c. Finance Director: The Commission will invite Carl Fisher, the new Finance Director to our June meeting. The Commission would like some clarification on our accounts and how we can access them. We have also decided to add a Monthly Finance Report to our agenda and our hope is that Carl will be able to walk us through the first report.

Directors Report:

Hawk read the Director's report.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Helen and seconded by Ed. Motion passed, meeting closed at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Fredsall
Secretary

May 2011 Directors Report

May has been a tough month weather-wise for all outdoor events, but the 5th annual Haight to Run 5K Cross Country race at Haight-Brown Vineyards went off without a hitch. Thirty brave souls took on the arduous course and enjoyed the vineyard tour later. All runners and volunteers received “Grape Race” hats for their efforts.

Rod Dixon’s Kidsmarathon is going well with 55 young runners in the program and 12 high school track athletes helping as the mentors to the program with three volunteer adults. The kids have been invited to march in the Memorial Day parade in Litchfield, carrying the Kids Marathon banner.

The Tri-town softball and baseball league are just about at the middle of their seasons without seeing much of the sun. New clay was bought and added to both Porter and Ripley fields. The track re-direction and drainage project at community has finally been seeded and will hopefully see decent growth within the next two weeks.

Diane Fredsall and I presented the “Family Outdoor Movie Night” to members of the Litchfield Area Business Association. The movie is “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!” and it will be on Saturday, July 2nd, hopefully on the Casadei Field at Community. We got the okay to go ahead and rent the equipment and the film, but since we have no money in the budget for the event, we need to get sponsors. LABA voted to be the first to support the evening with a donation of \$250.

Several local people and I have been meeting with representatives of the Connecticut Ballet in hopes that they would be able to bring their act to Litchfield this summer, and they have been able to plan a free outdoor show at White Memorial for Saturday, July 16th. I am sure you will be hearing much more about this performance as we get closer to the event.

The Block Party band which was booked in late winter will not be doing the show as not all of the 9 members could make it, so I replaced them with the one and only All-Star Dynamite Disco Review. They are high energy entertainers and are sure to be a hit.

We are just about ready to send our Spring and Summer Booklet out to the printers at Oliver Wolcott Technical School and in just a couple of days distribute them to the schools.

The Park and Rec website is no longer at www.lpr.bz, but if you go to that site it will redirect you to our new website which is www.townoflitchfield.org then go to “departments” and then click on recreation to find us.

Respectfully Submitted by,

J. Brent Hawkins