

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2018**

Present were: Chairman Michelle Casale, Christine Donati, Sheila Quick, David Gilbert (TC Rep), Susan Fahey (Alt) and Steve Grocott (Alt)

Chairman Casale opened the meeting at 7 PM. Welcome everyone this evening and thank you. We have a full house this evening. One item of housekeeping before we get started, I just wanted to say congratulation to Christine and Diane for being approved by Town Council on seeking another term on the Commission.

Chairman Casale said we have a light agenda and the first item of order is under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS – Approval of Spring Field Use Schedule

Chairman Casale stated it outlines all the leagues, where they are playing, when the fields are being used and by whom. It really is a colorful puzzle. Jane, were there any issues this year or conflicts? Ms. O'Brien said none other than the closing of Riley Field. Does anyone need reading glasses, or does anyone have any comments or questions? Seeing none, I am looking for a motion to approve this schedule as presented.

MOTION made by Christine Donati to approve the spring field schedule as presented this evening. Seconded by Diane Phelps. Vote taken all in favor. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 13, 2017

Chairman Casale said, surprisingly, we haven't had a meeting since then, so let's see; I was present, Christine, Diane, Sheila and Dave were all here. Does anyone have any changes to the minutes? If not, I will entertain a motion to approve as presented.

MOTION to approve June 13, 2017 minutes made by Councilor Dave Gilbert. Seconded by Christine Donati. Vote taken – all in favor. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS – UPDATES

Chairman Casale stated since our last meeting we had met with some residents interested in putting in beach volleyball courts. The discussion about the volleyball courts was for them to be installed by the playground. The latest update on this is that the RFP will go out next week for the cost of this project. We saw it, liked it, and encouraged them to go forward. We will hear back after the deadline for the RFP.

Diane Phelps asked about construction timing, will they be built this year or next? Ms. O'Brien stated we are shooting for this summer.

Chairman Casale said the second update is on the closure of Riley Field. Riley Field was closed this spring by the Town. The Town has \$95K to fix the field and we asked the School Board for \$45k to finish the project. The School Board wanted to see if we could tighten up the money. So right now Town Manager, Rick Sawyer, and Superintendent, Chip McGee, are working together on this item. We are looking to get that field fixed. Hopefully that will get resolved and fixed this year.

Chairman Casale stated, in your packet there was a lot of recreational programs that Jane has added. As always, you can go to the town's website and the Recreation website for updates on programs. Jane has programs to offer for all ages including the youth, adult & senior programs. We have Camp Witzel, our summer day-camp, program for which registration has already opened. There are the Summer Concerts in the Park, held on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m., from mid-June to mid-August. There is a listing of the entertainers on the website.

Christine Donati added, if you have not attended, you should. Bring a lawn chair, sit outside and enjoy the nice weather and the entertainment. It is a lot of fun.

Chairman Casale stated, that wraps up our agenda for the evening and our next meeting is planned for Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

Diane Phelps asked about the Strawberry Festival. Is that going to happen this year? Ms. O'Brien stated that is not a Recreation Department event, but I do know they are not hosting it this year.

Meeting Adjourn 8:10 PM

Submitted by Jane O'Brien