Preston Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
Preston Town Hall  
7:00 pm

Call to Order/Roll Call  
Vice Chairman Dan Coley called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Members present: Dan Coley, Gary Deveau, Tom Turner, Patricia Jankowski, David Verhasselt  
Members excused: Antonio Farinha, Paul LoPresti  
Members absent: David Przygoda, Kim Koniecko

Also present: Amy Brosnan, Director, Roberta Charpentier, recorder,

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by T. Turner and seconded by P. Jankowski to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2019 as presented.  
All in favor. Motion carries.

Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report  
A motion was made by T. Turner and seconded by G. Deveau to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.  
All in favor. Motion carries.

Parks and Recreation Members had a lengthy discussion regarding P&R funds and Investment CD interest rates.

A motion was made by P. Jankowski and seconded by G. Deveau to take $17,000.00 out of the savings account and roll it in to the Investment CD account for a total Investment CD of $20,485.01.  
All in favor. Motion carries.

Correspondence Received/Sent Out

1. Letter from Norwich Free Academy re: The Spirit Award.
2. War at the Shore Baseball Tournaments requested the field for Memorial Day Weekend  
3. FOI request from Andy Depta.  
4. Sent Annual Report to the Board of Finance.

Unfinished Business:
None
Park Maintenance and Development:
- General maintenance updates
  D. Coley suggested purchasing just parts of a Playscape and then add to it every year.
  A. Brosnan noted it may cost more to buy one piece at a time
  A. Brosnan stated that it will not be possible to pay for all the Park’s needs with funds just coming from fundraising.
  A. Brosnan stated that Melissa Lennon did not get any grant money for the Playscape at Preston Veteran’s Memorial School

Membership & Elections
- Open alternate position

Finance/Fundraising:
- Budget Request 2019-2020
  Parks & Recreation’s budget was presented to the BoS. The requested 3% for salary increase was reduced to 2%. All other line items were approved and will be forwarded to the BoF.

- Dodge ball Tournament
  Saturday March 16th at Preston Veteran’s Memorial School.
  - Currently only 1 team has signed up

D. Coley stated that a 0.5K run has become popular.

Community Events:
- Fire & Ice (final report)
  Event was held with ~100 in attendance

- Community Yard Sale – May 4, 2019
  Residents have the option to hold it at their house and for $2.00 Parks & Rec. will get their permits filled out, or they can rent space for $15.00 and have a table outside Preston Plains School.
  5 residents have signed up to hold a yard sale at their residence
  6 residents have signed up for space at Preston Plains School.

- Kids Fishing Derby
  May 5th

- Preston Palooza
  Wednesday June 5th
  Donation letters have been sent out

Programming:
- Programs & Activities Update
  Open swim for seniors at the Hilton Garden hotel
  Tai Chi classes
  Chair Yoga
  Line dancing classes
  Phantom of the Opera bus trip at the end of March
Diner in a Country Village bus trip to Sturbridge Village
Together with the Town of Lisbon offering bus trips to music events at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA.
Took kids snow tubing at Powder Ridge on their day off
Tiny Tot soccer in May for 2 and 3 year olds
Futsal soccer with North Stonington

- **Basketball**
  Season has ended
- **PYBSA**
  Have not heard from them

**New/Additional Business:**

**Public Comment:**
No Public present

**Adjournment**
A motion was made by P. Jankowski and seconded by G. Deveau to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm.
All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted

Roberta Charpentier
recorder