

**TOWN OF DARIEN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
APRIL 8, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Mary Flynn, Chair; Susan Daly; Amy Doering; Marc Ioli; Lorene Bora; Erika Morris

STAFF: James Coghlan, Interim Director

OTHERS: Adele Conniff, RTM, Chair of Parks & Recreation; Cheryl Russell, RTM, Co-Chair of Parks & Recreation; Linda Santarella, Former Police Commissioner; Jennifer Burgess, Commodore, Darien Junior Sailing Team

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. A quorum was present.

DARIEN JUNIOR SAILING TEAM: UPDATE

Jennifer Burgess provided an update on the progress of the Darien Junior Sailing Team. She and the committee discussed the particulars of the program, as well as its funding.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2015

The committee made the following changes to the minutes of March 18, 2015:

- Spelling Correction: Couch to Crouch on pg. 1; Mark to Marc (Ioli) on pg. 1
- Removal: Detail of Interim Director's Report, pgs. 4-6, to Chairman's Report; note of Adele Conniff's presence, pg. 7
- Relocation: Move sentence on fees into budgetary section from sub-committees, pg. 7, header 1, paragraph 3 to pg. 4, preceding Interim Director's Report, beneath a new header to be titled Budget Fiscal 2015-2016
- Rephrasing: Change header to Discussion of Town Plan of Conservation and Development, pg. 3; phrasing on Short Lane Sub-Committee to be changed to "Mr. Ioli provided an update on the public hearing.", followed by a brief recap, pg. 7, header 1, paragraph 1; change "email blast" to "the Parks & Recreation email distribution list", pg. 7, header 1, paragraph 3; fix capitalization

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on Beach Concession Lease header to Discuss and Take Action on Beach Concession Lease, pg. 3)

****MR. IOLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS.**

****MS. DALY SECONDED.**

****MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS (MS. BORA & MS. MORRIS).**

DISCUSSION OF PARKS & RECREATION SECTION OF TOWN PLAN

The committee discussed the Parks & Recreation section of the Town Plan. They agreed to purvey the content of said discussion to absent members, and revisit the matter at the following meeting.

DISCUSSION OF DOG LEASH POLICY

The committee discussed the Darien Parks dog leash policy. They agreed that the current policies will remain in place until the issue of enforcement is remedied.

BUDGET FISCAL 2015-2016

REPORTS

A. INTERIM DIRECTOR

Mr. Coghlan reported that he discussed the proposed budget with the Board of Finance. In addition, Mr. Coghlan reported on spring programs, preparation for summer activity, and the progress of installing air conditioning at Weed Beach.

B. CHAIRMAN

Chairman Flynn reported that the town has advertised for a new director, and that interviews will be conducted Monday, April 13, 2015.

C. SUB-COMMITTEES/STUDY GROUPS

The committee did not discuss sub-committees or study groups.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Santarella expressed her concern in regards to the enforcement of the dog leash policy.

Cheryl Russell expressed her concern in regards to the enforcement of the dog leash policy, and noted an incident in which she saw multiple under supervised dogs at a local beach.

Adele Conniff expressed her concern in regards to the enforcement of the dog leash policy, and supported Cheryl Russell's account.

OTHER BUSINESS **(BY TWO THIRDS VOTE)**

****CHAIRMAN FLYNN MOVED TO ADD AN AGENDA ITEM.**

****MR. IOLI SECONDED.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A. PADDLE FEES

The committee discussed the Darien Paddle League's request for reduced price on court rentals. They agreed to uphold the set rental rates.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015 at 7:30 PM in Room 119 (Darien Town Hall)

ADJOURN MEETING

****MS. DALY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

****MS. MORRIS SECONDED.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Ramos

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