## **Community Center Commission Minutes**

### Regular Meeting May 17, 2022

8 Simpson Street

Newtown, CT 06470

#### Conference Room moved to room A

#### THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

**Present:** Matt Ariniello, Jeff Tousignant, Bill Manfredonia, Cheyanne Wirtz, Jordana Bloom and Alesha Rizwana

Absent: Kinga Walsh, Filippo Formica, Fred Taylor, Doria Linnetz and Sadie Gureasko-Moore

Mr Manfredonia called the meeting to order at 6:35 with a salute to the flag.

There was no public to comment.

Mr Tousignant moved to accept the minutes from 4/19/22 with Ms Bloom 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved with Ms Wirtz abstaining.

Financials are attached.

Directors Report is attached. Discussion on lifeguard shortages. Mr Ariniello said they trained 6 more lifeguards and he suggested that they apply at the Community Center. They are hopefully trining for the Community Center, Treadwell and Eichler's Cove. To work at Eichler's Cove they need additional training. They have planned on site field trips for the summer camp. There was a lot of discussion on new activities planned for the summer camps. Fencing will be installed around the field to protect money invested in the new lawn. The lawn will be a great place for the campers to have activities. There was a lot of discussion on staffing shortages. The Commissioners are concerned with the amount of time Matt is at work and with the many things he has been handling. They are concerned for his health and the need for others to know what is going on and be able to handle things in his absence. The financials show the ability to pay for additional staff. Mr Ariniello has been working with Mr Tait to invest funds.

Discussion on signs for the pool/locker areas. (verbiage attached) Ms Wirtz moved to approve the verbiage as attached for the signs for the pool/locker areas. Mr Tousignant 2<sup>nd</sup> - approved

Subcommittee report attached:

Discussion on adding need for admin assistant to agenda of next meeting. Discussion on the list of priorities to be addressed first. Discussion on mission to be inclusive to all. The commission decided #6 ages 21 to seniors, #4/#1 demographics and teens, #2/#3 young moms/ homeschoolers/seniors and #10 staffing are the items to be addressed next.

Mr Tousignant moved to adjourn the meeting with Ms Wirtz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr Manfredonia adjourned the meeting at 7:43.

Respectfully submitted,

LeReine Frampton, temporary clerk

Proposed NCC New Locker Room Sign (top area and lock line only) UPDATED: April 29, 2022

### MALE/FEMALE:

Top Area Copy ---

The Men's/Women's Locker Room is provided for use by individuals 12 or older and children under the age of 12 when accompanied by an adult parent/guardian of the same gender. Adults with children of any gender may use the Family Locker room.

## **FAMILY:**

Top Area Copy -

The Family Locker Room is provided for use by parent(s)/guardian(s) escorting their children up to age 12 and anyone age 12 and up with individual needs of any kind.

LOCK REFERENCE LINE (all versions), italicized copy represents update –

Lockers are for day use only and must be emptied before leaving the facility. Do not leave locks on overnight. Failure to remove a lock will result in it being cut off and personal items being placed in the lost & found.

Wording 5/17/22



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Sun, May 8, 2022 at 6:44 PM

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Bill

It has been a busy few weeks as we wrap up the first phase of the Locker room project. We expect to have the women's locker room reopened by week's end and will begin the work on the men's locker room. We expect to have the full project completed by June 3rd.

We have purchased a gate to curb parking on our new grass surfaces from campus parking that will be installed next week. We have reopened the female outdoor bathroom as a unisex bathroom while work is completed due to the fire.

I am grateful for the recent approval of \$90,000.00 for the purchase of a new 16-passenger van for the Community Center and Senior Center through the American Rescue Plan. This will continue to help support our Afterschool programming.

On Wednesday, May 18th I will host a bid invitation for the patio project at 10 am to invite contractors for an informational session on the project, bids are due back by 5/31. I expect construction to begin late summer.

Last week we hosted a Middle Gate Kids Night Out event in partnership with the Middle Gate PTA. The event drew 49 children from Middle Gate and part of the proceeds will benefit the Middle Gate PTA.

I am excited to announce some new grant award from the Newtown Cultural Arts Commission and Step Into Swim Foundation. The Cultural Arts grant will allow for the purchase of a display case for our pottery programs. The \$2,000.00 Step into Swim grant will assist with swim lesson scholarships.

We are requesting 50K from the Connecticut State Department of Education for the Summer Enrichment grant. This will allow us to expand our summer camp offerings and site plan, offer more onsite field trips and hire an Enrichment Coordinator who will assist with STEAM activities. Summer Camp numbers currently stand at 1,098. For the second year, we will once again partner with Newtown Youth and Family Services and provide the water safety education portion of Safety Town a four week preschool education program.

Newtown Community Center
Membership Count – April 2022

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