

Town of Newtown, CT

3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

The Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in the Conference Room, 3 Main Street in Newtown, CT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Marks at 6:05 pm.

Present: Edward Marks, Linda Hess, Rance Thompson, Clinton DePaolo, Vincent Yanni, Jr. and Patrick Barczak

Absent: Warren Spencer

Staff Present: Amy Mangold, Carl Samuelson, RoseAnn Reggiano

Public: Top Martinez, Newtown Youth Basketball Association
4 Valley View Road, Newtown, CT 06470
Ryan Lyddy, Newtown Soccer Club
126 Head of Meadow Road, Newtown, CT 06470

Public Participation:

None.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion:

Commissioner Rance Thompson made a motion to accept the Minutes from the January 8, 2019 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Linda Hess seconded the motion.

A typographical error was made within the last sentence of the first bullet about the budget. It read, "Adjustments will be determined after the State and FIMA numbers come through." It should have referred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency as FEMA, not FIMA.

All voted in favor of the amended minutes.

Old Business:

- *Budget:*

Chairman Ed Marks remarked that, after meeting with the Board of Finance, there was no change in the status of the budget.

- *Newtown Bike and Trail Committee:*

Commissioner Linda Hess attended the last meeting of the Newtown Bike and Trail Committee on February 20, 2019. She said everyone was extremely enthusiastic. The committee all agreed that there are so many exciting directions in which they could go that they recognize the need to choose one or two timely projects on which they can make headway by summer's end. Chairman Marks thanked Commissioner Hess for her time in attending that meeting.

- *Community Center:*

The Community Center is still scheduled for a Summer 2019 opening. Jennifer Cebry has been hired as the new Program Coordinator for the center. She started on Monday, March 4, 2019, and is off to a great start thus far. An Aquatics Director has also been hired. Her name is Kristin Rebelo, and she has a start date of March 18, 2019.

New Business:

Top Martinez of Newtown Youth Basketball Association presented his application (see attachment #1) to propose extending NYBA basketball season under the auspices of Connecticut AAU. Assistant Director of Parks, Carl Samuelson asked about the fee structure to which Mr. Martinez mentioned that it would be less expensive than other AAU programs. He would like to keep the cost around \$400 as opposed to \$800 that AAU usually charges. He would like to field 8 teams. (There were 5 last year when they booked court time through the Newtown Youth Academy.) Parks and Recreation Director, Amy Mangold asked if he intends to host any tournaments to which he replied, "No". Assistant Recreation Director Reggiano stated that the use of the schools should not be a problem during the week, and Assistant Parks Director Samuelson offered for the organization to use the Treadwell Basketball Courts that are under the lights. Mr. Samuelson also asked if they intended to submit rosters with the surcharges to which Mr. Martinez answered, "Yes". Chairman Marks thanked Mr. Martinez for his well thought out proposal and stated that Newtown Parks and Recreation loves supporting these fantastic Newtown based programs. Commissioner Patrick Barczak motioned to approve a waiver for NYBA to extend their season under the auspices of Connecticut AAU. Commissioner Clinton DePaolo seconded the motion which was then carried unanimously.

Director's Reports:

Amy Mangold, Director of Parks and Recreation:

- The department is weighing options regarding RecTrac versus Community Pass. Since we are fully invested in RecTrac, we are going to weigh which is better over the summer to make a possible shift come fall.
- The Senior Center has 57 new members. The acting directors are working together to get to know their new Community Center neighbors and to keep the department running smoothly while still experiencing growth.
- Summer concerts are going well. We have received additional donations for the adult series from Claris Construction. All performers are booked and looking forward to a great summer.

RoseAnn Reggiano, Assistant Director of Recreation:

- Ms. Reggiano reported that Snow Much Fun (January 25th) was an amazing event that had over 100 people in attendance, complete with D.J., Fire Pit, sack races and hayrides.
- The third annual Daddy/Daughter dance was also a resounding success. 36 couples attended, and all the food was donated by local businesses while they still managed to raise \$150 for the camp scholarship fund.
- Summer job applications are now closed. We are still accepting late applications, but dating them as to give first priority to those who got their applications in on time (March 7th).
- Three to four senior guards are not returning.
- Waiting on new summer pool passes.

- Torpedoes swim coaches are needed for next year.
- They are looking for volunteers for the following three events:
 - Rooster Run (on 6/15)
 - Mad Dash (on 6/29)
 - Newtown Day (on 7/27)
- The Flashlight Easter Egg hunt is April 5th.
- The Easter Egg hunt is April 6th.
- Strutt Your Mutt is on May 18th.
- The Senior Dance is on May 31st – Woodbury seniors may also join us for that.
- The Fruit Trail reawakening is scheduled for May 4th and May 5th.
- Commissioner DePaolo is looking into Aqua Cycles (and the rules & regulations that accompany the Aqua Cycles) for possible Eichler's Cove use.

Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director of Parks:

(Please see attachment #2)

- Mr. Samuelson reports that most of their winter cleanup has been completed, spring projects are underway, and that the shop bathrooms just need some finishing touches.
- They are almost done with the footings for the ADA ramp at Eichler's Cove which should be ready to install at the end of March.
- Things are running under budget for the maintenance of Tilson Field so they are checking soil stability for possible future bleachers.
- As far as Treadwell is concerned, it was mentioned that the lights should be replaced (if need be) before reurfing is scheduled as to not ruin the new turf.

Commissioners out and about:

Commissioner Vincent Yanni noticed that there is a great deal of mud going from the Dog Park to the parking lot. Assistant Parks Director Samuelson suggested putting in hardscape to stave off mud, as well as moving the water features to the far end of the park. It was also mentioned that some of the unneutered dogs are quite aggressive upon which Assistant Recreation Director Reggiano stated that they need to notify the dog warden (who is just across the way) immediately as situations arise. Commissioner DePaolo and family attended the Snow Much Fun event. It was a pleasure to see them enjoy the event.

Motion:

Commissioner Patrick Barczak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Vincent Yanni, which was carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room located at 3 Main Street, Newtown, CT.

Submitted by,

Kate Geerer Sclafani, clerk

NEW ORGANIZATIONS
REQUEST FOR FACILITY ALLOCATION
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2006
REVISED/ADOPTED OCTOBER 2012
REVISED/ADOPTED AUGUST 2015

New organizations requesting facility allocations must comply with the following conditions:

1. Must notify Newtown Parks and Recreation of intent to seek allocation at least one year before allocation will be issued.
2. Must provide evidence of insurance.
3. Must document open try-out procedure.
4. Must demonstrate that allocation is for unique purpose not served by existing recreational organization serving Newtown.
5. Must detail team composition to include number of teams, travel and in-house, roster size, minimum percentage of Newtown residents and age/gender restrictions.
6. Must meet residency requirement of at least 80% Newtown residents.
7. Must demonstrate an affiliation with state, regional or national organization.
8. Must provide evidence of organizational structure; i.e., President, Board of Directors, etc.
9. Must sign Facility Use Agreement
10. Must agree to comply with Parks and Recreation surcharge regulations.
11. Must provide game schedule at least three weeks prior to start of season.
12. Must be approved by the Newtown Parks and Recreation Commission.

All inquiries regarding allocations should be directed to the Parks and Recreation Director at (203) 270-4340.

NEWTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY USE AGREEMENT/RULES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I Topaxia Martinez acting as President of NYBA, hereby acknowledge that I have read and comprehend the Rules and Regulations detailed in the Field Administration Policy and understand that my organization's use of any facility under the supervision of Newtown Parks and Recreation is contingent on compliance with the rules stated herein.

Signed [Signature] Date _____

Address 4 VALLEY VIEW RD NEWTOWN, CT, 06470

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone 203-558-5410

Email Address TOPAXE10@YAHOO.COM

Please complete and return to Parks and Recreation

Organizations Designated Contact Person/Scheduler

NAME: <u>Rathleen Mulligan / Top Martinez</u>	
ADDRESS:	
CONTACT PHONE: (Home)	(Cell) <u>Top: (203) 558-5410</u>
EMAIL:	

Newtown Parks and Recreation
Sports Organization Application for Facility Request Form

NOTE: If this request is for a Special Program, Clinic, Camp or Tournament an Organization Representative MUST obtain a Program Proposal Form or a Tournament Request Form from Parks and Recreation

Organization Name: NEWTOWN YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
AAU PROGRAM

Reason for Request:

(I.e. Practices – Tryouts – Evaluations – Games – Meetings – Training Classes - Etc.) (Please note whether it is Travel/Premier or In-House)

Please have requests into the Parks and Recreation office at least two weeks before event.

Preferred Location (s): REED, MS, NEWTOWN H.S.
(Subject to availability)

Type of facility needed: Gym(s) Classroom Cafeteria Field(s) Other _____

Special Requirements:

Day(s) of the Week: MONDAY - FRIDAY Start Date: 3-18-19 End Date: 6-30-19

Start Time: 5 PM End Time: 9 PM

Is a fee being charged? Yes No ---If yes explain: (admission/class cost, etc.):

Target Group (age, grade, etc.): 4TH GRADE THROUGH 10TH GRADE

Estimated number of Participants/Attendees:

On Site Instructor/Representative:

Home Phone: _____ Cell: 203-558-5410

I (We) have read the Newtown Board of Education and the Parks and Recreation policy governing Community Use of Facilities, and I (We) agree to comply with them.

TM Initial

WHEN SCHOOL(S) IS CLOSED THERE IS NO INDOOR FACILITY USE!
Form must be completed; otherwise it will not be accepted.

Form Submitted by: TOPITZIN MARTINEZ

(Please Print)

Home Phone: _____ Cell: 203-558-5410

League President/Instructor Signature: [Signature]

Introduction

The Newtown Basketball Youth Basketball Association (NYBA) is a local organization devoted to youth basketball. The NYBA has adopted an AAU program for 97% Newtown players. We will participate in local basketball leagues and AAU tournaments in Fairfield County as well as other Northeast Regional locations. Our Teams include the CT Hawks, No Fear Phantoms, and Newtown Monarchs.

We embrace a "kids first" approach, evidenced by our best practices and policies that protect kids by promoting responsible health, wellness and safety. Our coaches demonstrate a heartfelt passion and a commitment and a contagious spirit for helping kids succeed in youth sports activities while maintaining a commitment to established safety procedures.

Overview

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The 97% of the kids are from Newtown. Our current Newtown Freshman class, including some upperclassmen, are players who have participated in this program (Hawks & Monarchs), as well as having played in the NYBA Travel/Rec program. For the current Travel and Rec players, we are hoping to further extend their current season and improve their basketball skills, while getting them ready for the next level.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARKS

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARKS AND FIELDS REPORT

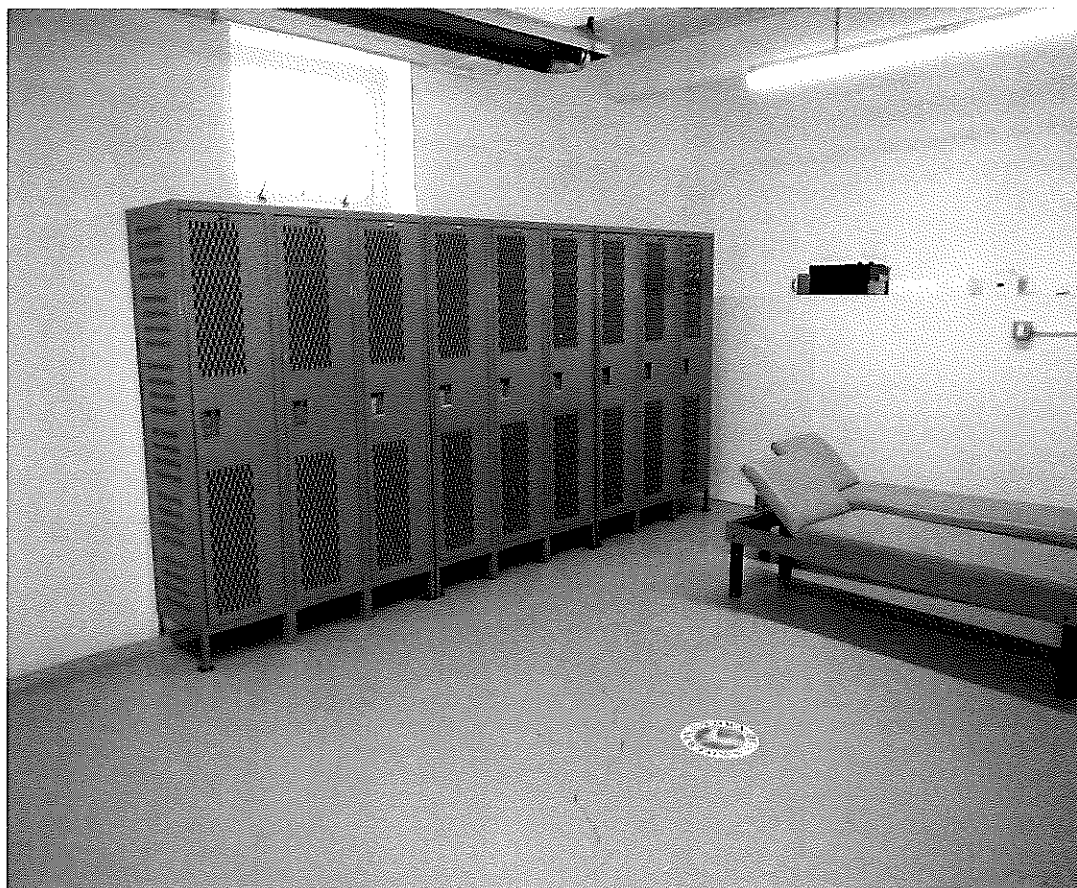
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Amy Mangold, Director

FROM: Carl Samuelson, Assistant Director – Parks

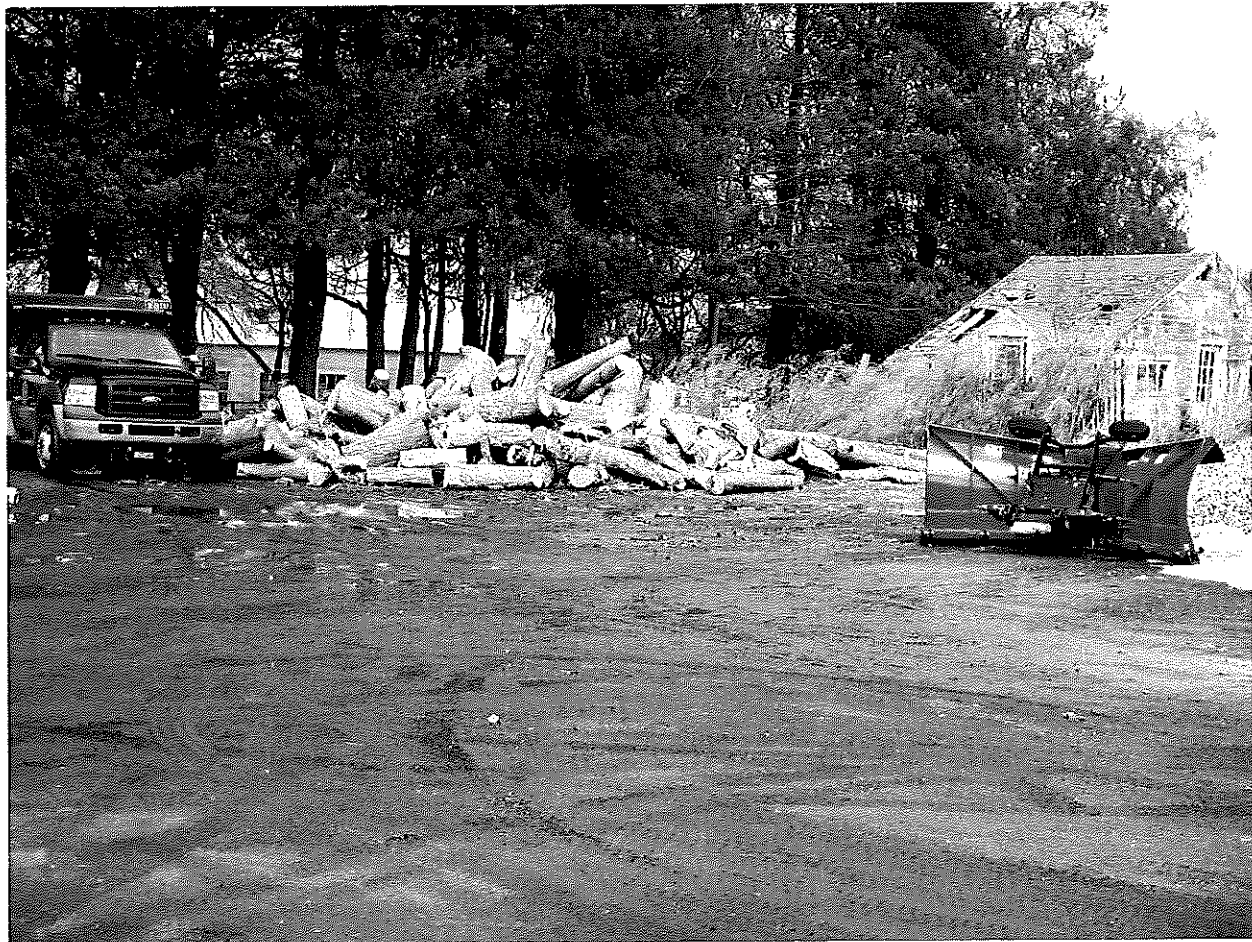
DATE: March 12, 2019

RE: Monthly park update and field report

Our winter tasks are winding down as spring items are underway. We have been putting finishing touches on our shop bathrooms when weather keeps us indoors. Some major tree pruning and fence clearing has been completed at the shop as well.







Dickinson Park: The crushed bench at Dickinson has been replaced. The majority of tree work we had anticipated getting done has been completed. The skating rink has been removed for the season and the fence lines here have been cleared of invasive and woody plant material.

Newtown Middle School: No new news here.

Orchard Hill: The abutting land owner issue has been resolved in the Towns favor. Storm related tree clearing has been completed.

Lake Lillinonah: No new news here.

Glander Fields: Dug out plans are progressing slowly, otherwise no activity here.

Liberty Fields: Tree work along the trail is complete.

Oakview: No new news here, some brush clearing is planned here as soon as more snow melts.

Tilson Field: The fence line has been cleared here of invasive and woody plant material.

Treadwell Soccer/Softball: Things are quiet here for now.

Walnut Tree: No new news here.

Fairfield Hills: Storm related damage has been an ongoing clean-up process here this winter. The walking trail pruning is complete. The ice rink has been removed for the season.

NHS Fields: No new news here but we will be working here as soon as the snow is gone as these are the first fields to open in the spring.

Dog Park: Things are quiet here right now

Treadwell Park: Things are quiet here now. Backstop repair will start once things dry out here.

Eichlers Cove Marina: ADA ramp installation will resume as soon as the ground thaws. The small retaining wall addition is complete.

Sandy Hook School: The field is closed for the season.

Staff:

- 138 hours of vacation/sick/personal/injury/discipline hours were used out of 1672 potential work hours in the past month. This represents a 8.5% loss in workforce.