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Town of East Haven, CT
Recreation & Athletic Complex Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2022
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Members Present:

Chairman Pat Paulson
Vice-Chair Sue Crisafi
Commissioner Christine Ucich

Members Absent:

Commissioner Chris Murray
Commissioner Ann Corris

Staff Present:

Liz Franco-Spano, Director

Public Present:

Jake Faughnan
Lorena Venegas
Michael Faughnan

Chairman Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Item #1-Approval of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Vice-Chair Crisafi to approve the minutes of the March 15th meeting. Commissioner Ucich seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed and there were no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item #2-Correspondence (if any)

None

Item #3-To Consider, discuss, and possibly act upon Fees for Men's Softball Fields

A discussion was held regarding the fees for the Men's Softball Fields and Vice-Chair Crisafi made a **MOTION** to increase the fees from \$300 to \$340 and insurance effective next year. Commissioner Ucich seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed and there were no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item #4-To Consider, discuss, and possibly act upon Sunday Fees for Baseball Field

Director Franco-Spano discussed the fees for the Baseball fields for Sunday's and how they would need to collect at least \$900 from teams in order to pay for the labor needed for the by Vice-Chair Crisafi to set the fees for Sundays to \$900. Commissioner Ucich seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed and there were no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item #5-To Consider, discuss and possibly act upon Fees for the Pavilions at the Beach

Director Franco-Spano contacted several adjoining towns and asked how they manage their usage fees and times for things such as this. She suggested that there be two time slots, 9-1 and 1-5. \$200 for non-resident and \$100 for residents. Some people are interested in

booking them already. She is having contracts drawn up with the rules and regulations on them. Including but not limited to no alcohol, no open fires and a maximum amount of people set at 50. Renters would have a pass with the date and time of the event, the beach supervisor will monitor them and handle getting parking passes and tickets back at the end

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of the event. There will be signage that says, "By Permit Only" and if people show up without booking either pavilion (near splashpad and on the beach) the supervisor will ask them to vacate the area as it has already been rented. After a brief discussion, Vice-Chair Crisafi made a **MOTION** to accept the suggested fee structure regarding renting the pavilions. Commissioner Uchich seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed and there were no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item #6-To Consider, discuss, and possibly act upon East Haven Umpires Association Use of Memorial and Masotta Fields for the Fall League

Chairman Paulson discussed the situation for the fields for the Umpire's Association. Because of the construction at Deer Run to put in a turf field, the summer and fall leagues will be displaced until that is completed, however they can move teams to Memorial. The lights at Masotta Field were taken down prior to the start of the project and they were stolen from behind the school. He is hoping that both can be done at the same time. Al Carfora who explained how the Association worked, informed the commission that the fees collected are donated and go towards scholarships every year. COVID stopped that for the last two years, but they are eager to start up again this year.

Item #7-Director's Report

Director Franco-Spano stated that the Action Camp just finished from April break and was well attended. The family and adult yoga program has moved from Tuttle School to the beach. She is looking to start an open gym program for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students as well as the high school. There are new bocce courts going in and are being paid for by donations. They should be completed by Memorial Day. There is a \$175 entry fee for each team there are nine games plus playoffs. At the end of the season there is a small buffet held for all teams participating. Lighting was discussed but nothing has been decided about that at this time.

Item #8-To consider and act upon any other matter that may come before the Commission
Public Comment

Jake Faughnan and his father Michael Faughnan spoke about the skate park and asked the commission to bring it back.

Lorena Venegas also spoke about the skate park and how important wheeled sports are to all ages.

Members of the public thanked the commission for their time.

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There being no further business to come before the commission, a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Chair Crisafi and seconded by Commissioner Ucich at 7:32 pm. All were in favor; none were opposed, and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

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