

Town of East Haven, CT
Recreation and Athletic Complex Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2014
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Members Present:

Chairwoman Joan Adamczyk
Vice-Chair Lou Anastasio

Commissioner William Porto
Commissioner David Esposito
Rec. Director Louis Pane (7:35)

Members Absent

Commissioner Barry Morganti

Public Present:

Judy Esposito, Town Council
Conor Sussillo

Frank Butler
Monica Zielinski
Linda Hargraves
Bob Sands
Henry Butler
Atty. Joseph Zullo

Chairwoman Adamczyk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2014 meeting was made by Vice-Chair Anastasio and seconded by Commissioner Esposito. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence Received

None

Correspondence Sent

None

Public Session

Conor Sussillo from Triple Crown Sports stated that he has rented out fields for Baseball/Softball tournament for many years and would like to continue doing so. He is happy with the Town and is looking to build on that. He feels that the tournaments help the local community and wants to make sure that continues as well. Chairwoman Adamczyk doesn't think there will be any issues with the schedule he presented but she will need to check the dates of the Town leagues to make sure there are no conflicts. She stated she will get back to him with the dates and payment structure. Conor thanked the commission and said he appreciated the time he was given to speak regarding his leagues.

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Directors Report

Director Lou Pane stated that the ice rink is currently in full swing with 8 different tenants suing the rink. The ice rink expense for the year is approximately \$280,000 and its revenue is approximately \$300,000, with a net profit of \$20,000. The morning aerobics at the pool has been steady with approximately 20 people in attendance and open swim is going well. The pool expenditure is approximately \$200,000 with revenue approximated at \$20,000 which is a net loss of \$180,000. He is recommending the charge an hourly rate for any organization using the pool other than public swim. The rate he is suggesting is \$150.00 per hour for in town organizations and \$200.00 per hour for out of town organizations. After some discussion regarding what Director Pane had stated, Attorney Zullo stated that any personnel matters should be discussed in a closed session. Attorney Zullo stated that there was work being done to investigate preparing a Facilities Use Policy with a fee schedule. He would not recommend rushing to a decision regarding fee changes and suggested tabling the issue at this time from a legal standpoint. Chairwoman Adamczyk made a **MOTION** to table discussion of the fees suggested by Director Pane for use of the pool. Commissioner Esposito seconded. A Roll call vote was taken at this time.

Commissioner Esposito- yes

Commissioner Porto-yes

Vice-Chair Anastasio-yes

Chairwoman Adamczyk- yes

All were in favor, none were opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

Director Pane then concluded his report saying the Santa hotline is starting tonight and all winter programs are in full swing. The recreation revenue is approximately \$100,000 with expenditures of approximately \$225,000 for a net loss of \$125,000. Of that loss, \$76,000 goes directly to stipends for individual organizations.

Old Business

Vice-Chair Anastasio stated that reports on the pool were sent to the committees and he feels that he is being stonewalled by the administration concerning problems with the pool. He held a meeting for private citizens and Town Council members and he formed a committee of those concerned with the maintenance of the pool. No one in Town Hall has responded to his requests either. He then read a letter to the commission that the Mayor refused to meet with him. He didn't understand why after all the work was done why the Mayor wouldn't listen. There are other problems as well he stated including harassment and said some woman got up and defamed him at that meeting. Chairwoman Adamczyk then stated to Vice-Chair Anastasio that it was a conflict of

interest with him being involved with chairing the new committee, being involved with EH Aquatics and serving as a member of

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this commission and that he should resign. A lengthy and sometimes heated discussion was held with regard to these issues. Attorney Zullo requested and received permission from Chairwoman Adamczyk to comment to the commission. He stated that he can only answer legal questions and can only advise legally to those questions. He can't offer any advice as to conduct and must have approval to do so from the Chairwoman. of which she granted. sent out another memo to Director Lou Pane and Town Engineer Kevin White regarding who in the Town has the obligation to maintain and repair the pool. He stated that Kevin White never responded and he gave information to Frank Butler at the Rec. Department about what is wrong at the pool. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the issues of maintenance and repair at the pool, whose responsibility it was and the outcome of the discussion was that Vice-Chairman Anastasio said he was absolving the commission of anything to do with the issues at hand, and that he would be pursuing this matter as a private citizen and not a commission member.

New Business

None

There being no other business to come before the commission, a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 was made by Commissioner Esposito and seconded by Commissioner Porto. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk