

**Minutes of the Chester Parks and Recreation Commission
1/23/23**

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Monday January 23, 2023, 6:30pm

Location: Chester Town Hall

Call to Order

Chairman DC Saunders called the meeting to Order at 6:34pm

In Attendance:

Paul McAndrew, Dawn Saunders, John Saunders, Kristin Dean, Linda Carlson (Late to Meeting 7:25)

Also in Attendance:

Elizabeth Netsch (via Phone Conference Call)

Audience of Citizens:

Keth Lundgren, Randy Netsch (via Phone Conference Call)

Absentees:

Kurt Ziemann (Notified Committee via Email)

Minutes of the Meeting of: Monday October 17, 2023

Paul McAndrew made a motion to accept the October 17, 2022 meeting minutes. Kristin Dean seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Directors Report:

- Ms. Netsch Discussed 2023/24 Budget that was proposed to Commission.
Amended two-line items to Budget.
1) Change in Mileage Rate for Budget from \$925 to \$970
2) Lawn Landscaping Expenses for American Lawn & Landscape
- Ms. Netsch then continued to discuss each Line Item on Proposed Budget
- Ms. Netsch Change in C Ball Field from grass to clay and organic pesticide is no longer being used and town budget covers the cost of field care outside of Equipment rental and Field and Seed Materials being used.
- Kristen Dean & Paul McAndrew mentioned to add New Pickleball Court Cost into Budget
- Randy Netsch discussed difference in Value of the Courts; all agreed the Asphalt Courts was the most practical value to add to the budget.
- Proposed Budget was Motioned to be accepted by: Kristen Dean 2nd to adopt motion. John Saunders. All in Favor, 0 opposed.

Chairman's Report:

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Chairman's Report cont.

- Paul McAndrew asked about the Boardwalk of North Quarter Park. Committee agreed it was no longer a concern of the Parks & Recs Commission since In-Lands and Wet-Lands Committee as well as Other Groups were actively seeking a survey of the idea with no actual answers to whether it was Practical, Possible or Workable.
- Kristen Dean requested a Survey be taking in Reference to Summer Camp Field Trips being added back to the Park & Rec Program. Field Trips have been cancelled previously due to Pandemic and Increase in Cost. Survey was to see if there was support and interest to bringing back Field Trips. John Saunders asked if it was possible to Co-Op with Deep River on some potential field trips of interest if Cost was a factor. Others were concern their would-be little interest in Field Trips to justify increase. It was mentioned some parents may be reluctant to support such travel.
- Paul McAndrew brought up Subject of Gazebo at North Quarter Park. All agree that it is a practical idea and almost a necessity. Some sort of shelter covering for visitors. Location of Gazebo was discussed and all agree that it should be built on the footprint of the original Park & Recreation Building due to the fact that it has water and electricity in that location if need be and the current remains of the footprint are an eye soar. The Gazebo would be the last finishing touch that North Quarter Park needs. There were negatives to locating the Gazebo anywhere else.
- John Saunders mentioned it may be practical to install Pickleball Courts after or at the same time that Parking Lot Restoration is addressed.

Next Meeting:

Next Meeting will be March 20th 2023 at 6:30pm Chester Town Hall

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm

Respectfully Submitted

John W Saunders Parks & Recreation Commision Committee Member