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## MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

PRESENT:

John Cusolito  
Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson  
Brad Tilley  
Denis Curran  
Len Dolan  
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director

Guest: Patrick Waddell

**Motion – Denis made a motion to accept the minute the meeting on 7/13/16, Brad 2<sup>nd</sup> – All in Favor 5-0**

**Public Discussion:** Patrick Waddell had concerns about the overuse of Patton Park as playing fields for Flag Football and Tackle Football this Season. He suggested that the Committee look into dispersing these activities to other fields in town to reduce the use. The Committee acknowledged that the park is used a lot (referencing the results from the Master Plan) and would monitor the situation on a week to week basis to see if changed were indeed needed.

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

### 1. Veterans' Memorial Pool Update

Sean updated the Committee on the Veterans Pool Project. Sean informed them that construction was nearly complete but that permits still needed to be granted once construction was over. The Committee questioned whether or not opening for this summer was feasible given what would be a very short season in addition to the fact that lifeguards were now becoming unavailable. Sean let the Committee know that it would be disappointing if that happened but saw this as fairly likely. The Committee agreed that any attempt to try to rush the opening could compromise patron safety. At the end of the discussion it was agreed that just having an open house and not opening the pool might be the best option.

### 2. Turf Field Update

Sean informed the Committee that a contract with Gale had been reached and that site work at the field had commenced. Borings and test pits were done and we are now awaiting those results. The next step in the process is to use the information that was gathered and fine tune the conceptual plan that was created into a 50% schematic design, which will then be further reviewed.

### 3. Summer Program Update

Sean provided the board with a final update on the summer of 2016 programs. The Committee questioned the viability of running the program at the Rec Center with no playground and how that impacted operations. Sean informed the committee that not having the playground did cause some minor issues in scheduling but noted a major factor in missing the playground was the availability of shade in that location. Sean told the committee that everyone is looking forward to next year where the pool can be incorporated in the program as well as the playground, tennis courts, and basketball court at Patton Park.



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#### **4. Patton Park Gazebo**

Sean informed the committee that the Town was looking to renovate/replace the existing gazebo in Patton Park. After some discussion the committee agreed that looking to renovate the existing gazebo was the best option. Sean noted that a major issue has always been that the bannisters have been kicked/knocked out leaving the gazebo always in disrepair. The idea of completely surrounding the gazebo in stars as well as keeping the handicapped ramp would be a good option. Sean is going to bring in companies to look at the current gazebo.

#### **5. Fall sports Schedule**

Sean updated the board on the schedules of both the youth and High School sports. Sean noted that there were no new changes from the previous fall.

**Adjournment – Steve Motion, Brad 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor 5-0**