

**TOWN OF MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT
ADVISORY RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, 2017
MINUTES**

Meeting began at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Tom Tierney, Bob Kilpatrick, Bill Wooldridge, Dennis Cumberbatch; Leisure, Families, and Recreation Director: Chris Silver.

Guest: Jon Mercier, Hockanum River Linear Committee

COMMENTS:

After introductions, Director Silver requested a suspension of the rules to allow Jon Mercier to give Commission members an overview of a proposal to formally name a recently donated parcel of land on the Hockanum River informally referred to as "Bryan's Island" to "Doug Smith Island" in recognition of Mr. Smith's years of dedication and hard work to beautify the river and its surrounding areas. After Mr. Mercier's presentation and discussions regarding various questions posed by Commission members, *a motion was made and seconded that the Town Board of Directors consider and approve the recommendation from the Advisory Recreation and Parks Commission to dedicate and formally name the identified parcel as "Doug Smith Island". Motion carried unanimously.*

MINUTES:

The minutes for the April meeting were accepted unanimously, however, the September meeting minutes could not be accepted due to lack of quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Wooldridge had questions regarding any planned Recreation Department clinics being held in conjunctions with the Manchester Sports Hall of Fame event in early November.

RECREATION REPORT: See attached RECREATION REPORT

Director Silver answered questions of commission members on several of the programs listed in the report, including expanded use of the former Nathan Hale School and programming within the Bennet facilities.

PARKS REPORT: See attached PARK REPORT

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

In general discussions among Commission members regarding the process of formally naming facilities, parks, etc. several names and locations were discussed. Commissioner Cumberbatch inquired of the possibility of having the parking area paved at Veteran's Field. Director Silver reported that this would be a capital project and would need to be included in the Town's Capital Plan.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Kilpatrick

Recreation Report October 19, 2017

Alert: Edgerton Street, between house #47 and Lodge Drive along Center Springs Pond, is closed for reconstruction and is projected to reopen November 17th. Please note that you can access the Recreation Main Office at 39 Lodge Drive by following these directions: Main Street to Binglew Street, left onto Liberty Street, right onto Hemlock Street, left onto Lodge Drive.

Fall Registration: Program registration is now ongoing for both residents and non-residents. Register for programs online at reconline.townofmanchester.org, over the phone by calling 860-647-3084, or at any of the following locations: Center Springs – 39 Lodge Drive, Community Y Rec Center – 78 N Main Street, or Customer Service at Town Hall – 41 Center Street. Payment (if applicable) is due at the time of registration. Check out our full fall schedule now on recreation.townofmanchester.org (Click on the Brochures link!)

Membership: You can obtain your September 2017 – August 2018 passes now at Center Springs Park, Community Y Rec Center and Customer Service at Town Hall. Senior passes can also be purchased at the Senior Center. Please note that youth passes can no longer be processed at the libraries. Proof of residency is required each year when getting a pass. Exciting news! We have brand new wallet sized cards or key chain sized cards that will be renewed year to year without the need to obtain a new card unless one is lost!

Swim Lessons: Recreation is offering swim lessons for youth and beginner lessons for Adults starting next week. Some spots have already filled, so be sure to register soon! For the full schedule please visit our Brochures link on recreation.townofmanchester.org.

Aquatic Fitness: Have you checked out our fantastic aquatic fitness classes yet? The fall sessions of Swim for Fitness, Aqua Arthritis, Total Aqua and Aqua Circuit have begun, but registration is still open! No matter your age or skill level, you can get a GREAT workout by joining one of our aqua fitness classes! We have everything from a total body workout using circuit training in the water to a more recreational program for those with arthritis or related diseases. Find a class best suited for you by visiting us at reconline.townofmanchester.org and click Aquatics, or call 860-647-3084.

Jukido: A co-ed self-defense course incorporating Judo, Aikido and Karate. The main emphasis is on students doing their best! This course is for children ages 6 – 14 on Friday evenings at the Community Y Rec Center. Registration is now open!

Team Fit After Work: Team Fit provides participants with challenging, yet motivating strength and cardiovascular conditioning sessions that include a variety of innovative exercises to improve your overall fitness. This program is designed for all fitness levels, customized to each individual. Register now for Monday or Wednesday sessions at the Center Springs Park Activity Room!

Walk Live Power: Exciting, motivating music along with four basic steps make this walk fun and suitable for all fitness levels! This program is for adults 18+ on Monday evenings at both the Community Y Rec Center and Center Springs Activity Room. Registration is now open!

Adult Fitness at the Y: Did you know that there is an array of adult fitness classes held at the Community Y Rec Center on North Main Street? Register now for classes like Tapercize, Total Body Plus, Yoga for Active Lifestyles,

Pilates; Strength for Life and more!

Pickleball: Register now for the upcoming indoor season of Pickleball! Pickleball will start Thursday, October 5th from 6:00 – 8:00pm at Nathan Hale Activity Center, 160 Spruce Street.

Bennet Leisure Center Open House Kick Off: First Family Fun Night kicking off the new season for the Bennet Leisure and Family Center with a night of fun games and family activities. This open house will provide the opportunity for our community members to meet our staff, obtain information about our upcoming programs and events, as well as register for new youth passes. Join us on Friday, October 6th from 6 – 8:30pm! We will have a DJ, bounce house, outdoor movie, carnival games, cotton candy and building tours!

Nathan Hale Drop In Rec: Drop in basketball, board games, active games, arts & crafts, and more will start Saturday, October 7th at the Nathan Hale Activity Center for children ages 5 -18! There is no fee, but Recreation cards are required.

Start Smart Soccer: Parents work together with their children ages 3 - 5 in a supportive environment to learn the basics of soccer. This program will start on Saturday, October 14th at the Community Y Rec Center and costs \$65.00 for residents and \$82.00 for non-residents. Spots fill quickly, so be sure to register soon!

Adult Boot Camp: Learn and understand the importance of exercising in this program that will impact all parts of the body. Push your body through medium to high boot camp stations. Register now for this great workout taking place on Saturdays at 9:30am at Center Springs Park!

Kids Cupcake Decorating: Kids ages 5 – 10 will love this creative and messy class at the Community Y Rec Center! Join Jessica from the Cupcake Caboose and learn how to make your very own holiday themed cupcakes. All delicious decorating supplies and cupcakes provided. Register now for the Halloween Session taking place Saturday, October 28th from 10:00 – 11:00am. Please note that registration is also now open for the Fall and Winter Cupcake Decorating sessions!

Youth Basketball: Even though youth basketball will not begin until December, registration is now open and mandatory evaluation clinics will begin in November! Be sure to register soon as spots fill quickly. Recreation offers basketball for ages 6 – 7, 8 – 9, and 10 – 12.

Indoor Soccer: For youth ages 5 – 8 to learn the basic skills of soccer such as dribbling, trapping, defense shooting and passing, as well as the concept of team work and hard work. Indoor soccer will start on Sunday, January 21 at the Mahoney Rec Center and costs \$30.00. Register soon as spots fill quickly!

Park Report
October 2017

-Center Springs Park:

Broad Street entrance – Seeded w/meadow mix and wild flower, waiting for rain.

Cut knotweed and beginning to brush out along stream and pathways.

-Ball fields: baseball/softball – adding clay to many infields and still renovating a few infields.
Working on grub issues at Bagshaw and Verplanck.

-Bleacher/bench repairs – finalized bleacher and bench repairs at ball fields (wood boards, etc).

-Beginning to prep for leaf pick up and Road Race.