

**TOWN OF MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT
ADVISORY RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2017
MINUTES**

Meeting began at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Tom Tierney, Bob Kilpatrick, Bill Wooldridge, Dennis Cumberbatch, Owen Carroll, Bill Gochee; Recreation Director: Scott Garman.

COMMENTS:

There was general discussion among Commission members regarding the naming of parks/facilities after individuals, and the process that must be followed to achieve same.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the October meeting were accepted unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

RECREATION REPORT: See attached RECREATION REPORT

PARKS REPORT: See attached PARK REPORT

OLD BUSINESS: Continued discussion re: process of naming parks/facilities and agreement that first step is a formal request to this committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Wooldridge reported that the Manchester Sports Hall of Fame Youth Clinic was slated for 12/13/17 at the Mahoney Rec Center. Commissioner Gochee reported that his term with the Commission was expiring, and that he had decided he would no longer serve. All in attendance thanked Commissioner Gochee for his years of service.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Kilpatrick

Park Report – November 2017

-Ball fields: baseball/softball – adding clay to many infields and renovated Moriarty baseball field infield. Overseeded Charter Oak soccer field.

-Started park leaf pick up and Road Race prep and mile marker painting.

-Tree trimming and cleanups in Parks.

Town of Manchester Leisure, Family and Recreation
Recreation Report
November 2017

Aquatic Fitness: The next session of Aquatic Fitness classes are starting November 13th! No matter your age or skill level, you can get a GREAT workout by joining Swim for Fitness, Total Aqua, Aqua Circuit, or Aqua Arthritis! 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. Be sure to register soon!

Youth Basketball: Even though youth basketball will not begin until December, registration is now open and mandatory evaluation clinics will begin next week! Be sure to register soon as spots fill quickly. Recreation offers basketball for ages 6 – 7 (Fundamentals), 8 – 9 (Pee Wee), and 10 – 12 (Co-ed Midget). Please note that the 6p Fundamentals is now full, but the 7p Fundamentals still has openings!

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!

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. There still a few spots left open in the Fall and Winter Cupcake Decorating sessions, so be sure to register soon!

Bennet Leisure Clubs and Programs: Bennet Leisure Center is a recreation center that provides programming for 6th graders, weekday evening drop-in recreation programs and family community events. Residents can also use this site to register for programs and obtain recreation passes. Come to 22 School Street Monday – Friday from 6:00 – 9:00pm and join in on the fun!

Nathan Hale Drop In Rec: Drop in basketball, board games, active games, arts & crafts, and more have started at the Nathan Hale Activity Center for children ages 5 -18. There is no fee, but Recreation cards are required. Come join us on Saturdays from 12:00 – 5:00pm!

In It to Win It Mystery Game Night: Every Wednesday, from 6:15 – 7:15pm, this free program at Bennet Leisure Center will explore new and exciting ways for youth to create, build relationships and play. Through the use of creative programming and staff participation youth ages 9 – 11 will participate for a chance to take home the grand prize!

Mural Madness: Work closely with staff and a local artist to learn how to make murals. Students may also have a chance to participate in a local art show and create and install a mural in Manchester! Every Thursday youth ages 9 and up should join us at the Bennet Leisure Center from 6:15 – 7:15pm for this creative new program!

FULL 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!

Snowcial: Celebrate the most wonderful time of year while building relationships and connecting with peers just before the winter break. Come join us in what should be a wonderful night filled with music and dancing! Snowcial 2017 will take place at Bennet Leisure Center on Friday, December 15 from 6:00 – 8:00pm for Bennet students.

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.

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? The next session starts November 13th, so register now for classes like Tapercize, Total Body Plus, Yoga for Active Lifestyles, Strength for Life and more!

Pickleball: Register now for the upcoming indoor season of Pickleball at Nathan Hale Activity Center, 160 Spruce Street! Pickleball now takes place Monday - Thursday from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Register now by visiting reconline.townofmanchester.org, or by calling 860-647-3084.

Program Registration: Fall program registration is 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!) Please note that registration for Winter/Spring classes will not begin until December 13th for residents and December 15th for non-residents.

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!

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 Bigelow Street, left onto Liberty Street, right onto Hemlock Street, left onto Lodge Drive.

Office of Neighborhoods and Families

FULL Eastside Afterschool Program: Manchester Pal Eastside Youth Academics & Activities Club offers free after school help with homework, studying, and projects for students in grades 1 – 4 that live in the Eastside neighborhood. Students will also get plenty of free time to do crafts, play games/sports, and take part in other group activities before going home for the evening. Call 860-647-3089 for registration details or visit www.manchkijkesterpal.org!

Write Out Loud Open Mic Nights: Be a superstar in a safe space environment as you engage in an uplifting experience centered on youth voice through poetry, song, music, rap and dance. Come take part in youth led poetry and hip hop dance workshops and then close your night with performing and/or cheering on others who display their talent and creativity in front of a supportive audience! Call 860-647-3089 for more information. The next workshop will meet on Friday, November 24th from 5 – 8pm.

Backyard Chickens: With the new “chicken law” in Manchester, more people are thinking of having their own flock for fresh eggs and a lot of entertainment too! This workshop will cover the lifecycle – from chicks to layers, breed varieties, coop construction, predators, “free range”, feed and water. Register now for this program that will take place at the Eastside Neighborhood Resource Center on Wednesday, November 8 from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Youth Service Bureau

Early Childhood Programs: Wonderful programs for children ages 1 – 5 have started at the Northwest Park Early Childhood Center! Be sure to register soon for programs such as Happy Together, Wonder Years, Wee Two, Mommy & Me Playgroup and more!

FULL Mother Daughter Circle: The purpose of the circle is to promote a healthy and sustaining bond between mothers/guardians and their daughters ages 11 – 15 during their transitional years from girlhood to young womanhood. Dinner is provided. Mother Daughter Circle has already started and it takes place on Mondays from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the Youth Service Bureau. Be sure to register!

Journey “Build a Book”: Journey is designed to increase nature awareness and knowledge and provide community service, social interaction and skill development in art, wood working and research. Participants will write and illustrate elements of a story created during the group. This program will take place on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:30pm for children ages 12 – 14 (grades 6 – 8) at the Youth Service Bureau. Space is limited, so be sure to register soon!