

TOWN OF HAMDEN

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 9, 2013

5:30 PM

PARKS & RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM

HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER

2750 DIXWELL AVENUE

HAMDEN

Commissioners in Attendance: Tad Watson, Chairman
Rich Leonardo, Vice Chairman
Michael McGarry

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Watson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

MINUTES

Commissioner Leonardo motioned to accept the Minutes of the March Meeting as presented. Commissioner McGarry seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD'S REPORT

Ms. Coleman informed the Commissioners present that Recreation Supervisor Laura Luzzi would attend next month's meeting.

Ms. Coleman distributed the Public Works Monthly Report to the Commissioners.

Next, Ms. Coleman presented the formal "Cancellation Policy For Outdoor Athletic Events", prepared by her and Public Works/Parks Director Craig Cesare.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Cancellation Policy. Mr. McGarry pointed out that the policy states "The Director of Public Works/Parks or his representative will determine before 3:00 PM on game day if any given field is safe for play". He asked how weekend cancellations would be determined, when many games start earlier than 3:00 PM. Ms. Coleman said this is something that must be worked out.

Mr. Leonardo discussed the problem with late afternoon rain/thunderstorms.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding what should be done in these situations. It was felt that it would be the responsibility of the umpire in conjunction with the coaches to decide whether to cancel a game due to weather. In the case of lightening, the state protocol should be followed.

There was a discussion regarding who should make the decision regarding whether a game should be canceled on the weekend. It was felt that Public Works Director Craig Cesare should make the decision regarding whether a field should be closed.

Ms. Coleman will discuss this with Mr. Cesare. It was suggested that the decision to close a field be made by 8:00 AM on the weekend.

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There was a very lengthy discussion regarding who should make the decision to call off a game in the event of inclement weather. It was determined by those present that the Game Official should make the call in consultation with a League Official.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. McGarry asked about Morretti Field. Ms. Coleman said the fence is ready to be installed. Mr. McGarry also asked about the grass. Ms. Coleman said due to the amount of snow that was deposited there they haven't been in there yet.

Ms. Coleman discussed the First Annual Hamden Road Race that will be held on June 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Commission.

ADJOURMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission, and Chairman Watson called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner McGarry motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leonardo, and passed unanimously.** Chairman Watson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by _____
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk