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Town of East Haven, CT
Recreation & Athletic Complex Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022
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Members Present:

Chairman Pat Paulson
Commissioner Ann Corris
Commissioner Christine Ucich
Commissioner Chris Murray

Staff Present:

Liz Franco-Spano, Director
Chis Avena-Rink Dir.
Andrea Kenney-Prog. Coor.

Public Present:

Chris Perdo
Jake Faughnan
Lorena Venegas

Chairman Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present. All those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #1- Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Corris made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the July 11th meeting. Commissioner Ucich seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed and there were no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item #2- Correspondence

None

Item #3- Introduction of New Rink Manager Chris Avena

Rink Manager Chris Avena was introduced to the commission, and he stated he is very excited to be a part of the department and to be a part of the new rink. The commission welcomed him and wished him the best of luck in this new endeavor.

- a. Rink Update-Manager Avena state that the cement floor went in approximately 3 weeks ago and it takes 28 days to cure. That helps with keeping the temperature of the ice. The boards and glass are scheduled to be placed around October 10 as well as the chiller. The system will be turned on around October 28th and they should be making ice by November 14th. The rink should get turned over to the Town from the contractor around November 19th. The locker rooms have been updated along the back wall. There will be a new dehumidification system in place, the press box rebuild is in progress as well. A pro shop will be run for necessity, and possibly have Manager Avena run that as he has experience in that as well. The concession stand goes out to bid as it normally does.

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- b. Ice Time Fees-The overall ice rental has been \$375 in years past. Local rinks charge anywhere from \$400 to \$625 for ice time. Manager Avena recommended that we charge \$450 to the general public for ice time. This is not for Town programs or the High School teams. Chairman Paulson made a **MOTION** to suggest a higher rate of \$475 due to a higher cost of electricity. Town programs would be at \$375 per hour. Commissioner Murray seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed, and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item #4- Introduction of New Recreation Program Coordinator Andrea Kenney

New Recreation Program Coordinator Andrea Kenney was introduced to the commission. She stated that she is learning a lot of how the operations run here in Town and is thrilled to be here. The commission wished her the best of luck in this new position.

- a. MyRec Software Update-The program should be going out to the public very soon and residents can sign up for activities on that site and get notifications of all new programs that are being held for residents. It's a very exciting time!

Item #5 - Director's Report

Director Franco-Spano informed the commission that all the summer programs that were offered to residents were very well attended by all age groups at the beach and at Hayes. Parking lot #2 was closed for the summer and they were able to save money that way and all beach parking went off without a hitch. She is getting ideas from the kids from preschool through High School to see what they would like to see be offered as activities. There will also be activities for seniors and also toddlers and special needs kids coming in the near future. Fall Bocce added another 3 nights as there is so much interest in it. The courts were There will be another Action Camp coming as well as the interest in that is high. There is still no phone system yet but they're all using cell phones right now. Chairman Paulson asked about the fall teams and the rental of fields. There is no information on revenue at this point.

Item #6- To consider and act upon any other matter that may come before the Commission.

Jake Faughnan spoke about the skate park and tennis courts and how the green was good at the Fall Fest this year with no smoking and no pets being allowed.

Lorena Venegas spoke about hockey programs and financially supporting families in town that might not be able to afford such a program.

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There being no further business to come before the commission, a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Corris and seconded by Commissioner Murray at 7:47 pm. All were in favor; none were opposed, and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

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