

Franklin Recreation Commission

Minutes of March 6, 2024

Meeting called to order by Secretary Hiscox, 7:32 PM

- Visitors: Tim Delucia, A.D. Norwich Tech. Tim asked if it would be possible for the Norwich Tech J.V. Baseball team to use the Franklin Senior League Field 2-3 days/week from 2:30-4:30 +/- PM for practices. The usage would begin the week of March 18 and continue to approximately the end of May. Tim offered a COI naming the Town of Franklin and the labor of dragging or raking the field after usage.
 - Scott D offered a Motion to approve the usage of the SLBB Field by Norwich Tech contingent on the receipt of a valid COI. The Motion was seconded by Rich H and passed unanimously without further discussion.
- Minutes from the December 6, 2023 Meeting were distributed. Greg B motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. This was seconded by Scott D and passed unanimously.
- Financial Report was not available again
- Additions to Agenda – None
 - Old Business
 - There was a discussion regarding the desire to install cement pads under all 7 sets of bleachers in the Park.
 - There was a discussion regarding the placement of the septic tanks in the Park that are currently undocumented.
 - New Business
 - Lee J reported that the Monday Rec Runs would continue in 2024. They will begin Monday July 1 and continue the following 7 weeks. These will start with the youth runs at 6:30 PM.
 - Greg B put forth a Motion to authorize Lee J to spend up to \$500 on the usual awards that are given out to the runners for various divisions and results. This Motion was econded by Scott D and passed without discussion or dissent.
 - Rich H reported that the Music in the Park Program would continue this summer with tentative dates of June 8, July 13, August 10, and Sept 14.
 - Scott D opened a discussion regarding the possible lighting of Volunteer field. Dave Lunt has acquired the fixtures needed but there would be significant expenses for Poles, a new service, and installation. Scott, and Dave separately, are in discussions with Eversource to see what may be donated in either labor and/or materials.
 - Rich H brought up the need to finalize and submit a proposed Budget for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year. After some spirited discussions the FRC Budget request would be slightly over the recommended 10% increase but will contain several CIP Requests totaling \$312,500. A copy of the agreed upon 2024-25 Budget Request is attached to these Minutes.
 - Safety Concerns,
 - Nothing new reported

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- Correspondence,
 - A Thank You note from the FES PTO for our support of their Playscape project.
- Adjournment, A Motion to Adjourn was made by Lee J, seconded by Greg B and passed without further discussion. The Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Attendees; Rich Hiscox, Greg Bourdon, Kyle Gora, Scott Dorsey, and Lee Johnson.

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Meeting of March 6, 2024 at 7:30 PM
Meeting will be held at Town Hall

Agenda

- ✓ • **Call to Order**
- ✓ • **Recognition of Visitors**
- ✓ • **Review/Approve Minutes from the previous Meeting**
- ✓ • **Review/Approve Financials**
- ✓ • **Old Business**
- ✓ • **New Business**
- ✓ • **Safety Issues**
 - **Correspondence**
 - **Adjournment**

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3/6/24

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VISITORS - TIM DORUELA AD NORWICH TOWER

JUBB USE OF SUBB FIELD

W/ 3/18 - END OF MAY

WILL DRESS FIELD & SEND COI

MTA SCOTT D 2ND RICH H P/M

MINUTES OF 12/6/23

MTA GREG B 2ND SCOTT D NO DIS P/M

FINANCIALS - NOT AVAILABLE EMIL REQ SENT

OLD BUSINESS

- DISCUSSION OF PADS FOR BENCHMARKS

- DISCUSSION RE SUPPLY TANKS

NEW BUSINESS

- COST F FUR RING RETURN

1ST MON JULY - 8 WEEKS

START @ 6PM YESTERDAY

- GB MTA - LEFT TO START UP 2 \$500

FOR RIBBONS & AWARD \$ FOR FEN REND

- RICH MTP TO RETURN IN 2024

TRANSITION DATES 6/8, 8/13, 8/10, 9/14

- SCOTT D LIGHTING PROPOSAL FOR

VORWENBERG FIELD.

- RICH H 2024-25 BUDGET

SAFETY - NEWS / CUNDOS. NEWS FROM PES PRO

ADJOURN M LT 2ND GB PM 8:45 PM

RICH H

GREG B

KELSG

SCOTT D

LOE J



MitP

1 message

Diane Labich <diane.labich@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 12, 2023 at 12:11 PM

To: Big D <danlabich7@gmail.com>, Richard Hiscox <franklinrecreationcommission@gmail.com>

Hi Rich,

We are doing some pre-season stuff and I am touching base with you about dates.

Can you please check the calendar to see if we can use the field the second Saturday of the month including:

June 8, 2024

July 13, 2024

August 10, 2024

September 14, 2024

These are tentative dates assuming the park is available. We are planning to start in June, rather than May, giving us a little extra time to figure out the plan for a (potential) new stage.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns as we get the ball rolling!

Thanks,

Diane

BUDGET REQUESTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

LINE ITEM # 2800.10

DEPARTMENT: Recreation

LINE-ITEM DESCRIPTION: Recreation Commission

LAST YEAR'S APPROVED BUDGET: \$19,050.00

THIS YEAR'S REQUESTED BUDGET: \$

DIFFERENCE: (+ or -) ±\$

Utilities	2,000.00	2,200.00
Maintenance	1,000.00	1,100.00
Programs	1,250.00	1,375.00
Purchased Services	3,200.00	3,520.00
Maintenance Supplies	2,800.00	3,080.00
Minor Capital Expenses	<u>5,500.00</u>	6,050.00

Given the current inflationary cycle combined with the cost increases on virtually everything associated with the depleted supply change we feel a 10% increase is a prudent request. The FRC tries to be as prudent as possible with expenditures and will not hesitate to turn funds back if they are unneeded.

Additional funds requested to be ADDED to the CIP lines as follows:

3100.25	REPAIRS TO SLBB FIELDS	\$ 20,000 -
3100.108	RECREATION PAVILLION	\$ 7,500 -
	REBUILD WALKING TRACK	\$ 40,000 -
	LIGHTING PROJ. VOL FIELD	\$ 25,000 -
	NEW PLAYSCAPE @ G.P.	\$ 150,000 -
	SCOREBOARDS FOR 2 SD FIELDS	\$ 15,000 -
	REBUILD SLBB COURT TO INCL PICKER BALL	\$ 25,000 -
	VARIOUS BUILDING REPAIRS @ G.P.	\$ 20,000 -
	STAGE ON LOWER FIELDS @ G.P.	\$ 10,000 -

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THIS YEAR'S REQUESTED BUDGET: \$21,000

Proposed Budget;

Utilities	2,600.00
Maintenance	1,300.00
Programs	1,400.00
Purchased Services	4,100.00
Maintenance Supplies	3,600.00
Minor Capitol Expenses	8,000.00

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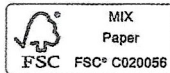
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Over the past several years the Recreation Commission has been frugal to a fault. We have repeatedly underspent and turned funds back. This has proven to be a well meaning error. We need to start funding a number of projects for the betterment of our community. While the choices we are putting forward are ALL worthy of support, in most cases the funds requested are a downpayment to be supplemented over the next few budget cycles in order to bring to culmination.

3100.25 Repairs to the Senior League Baseball Field,	\$20,000
3100.108 Reseal the Pavilion	\$7,500
Rebuild Walking Track in Giddings Park	\$40,000
Lighting project foe Volunteer Field	\$25,000
New, expandable, playscape for Giddings Park	\$150,000
Scoreboards for the two small diamond fields	\$15,000
Rebuild small BB Court to be Pickleball & BB	\$25,000
Build a Multi-Purpose Stage on the Lower field	\$10,000
Various Building repairs in Giddings Park	\$20,000



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✓ FES PTD Board Members