



**Town of Leicester**  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
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Minutes of Meeting  
March 16, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Pingeton, Jess Margadonna, Lucky Margadonna, Nancy Ortiz, Sue Sears, Joe Richardson, Joanne Bernier, Paul Fontaine, Josh Senior, Tyler Herron, Abigail Bernabei student liaisons, Tom Steiger and Jay Ledbetter.

GUESTS: none

Bob Pingeton asked for a moment of silence for Gail McKay in remembrance of her many years of service for the Leicester Parks and Rec Committee.

Meeting called to order 7:18pm

MINUTES:

MOTION: Lucky moved to accept the meeting minutes.

SECOND: Paul

VOTE: All in favor

BUDGET:

MOTION: Lucky moved to accept budget as presented

SECOND: Sue

VOTE: All in favor

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Steiger- Worcester Woo Sox- Friday, July 8, 2022, Leicester Night. "Town Takeover"- pregame ceremonies, in game ceremonies and welcome to Polar Park. Tickets can be purchased through a link called FEVO. Ticket price is \$5.00 donation that will go back to Deja Nu. 2 prices: left field berm is \$14.00. Seating bowl along 3<sup>rd</sup> base \$28.00 children under 2 are free. Included is a \$2.00 value to use for food or emergencies. Flyers and this website will be given to use-they are in the works.

Mr. Jay Ledbetter would like to set up a summer basketball league at Tarantino Park for Middle School (5-8 grades) students both boys and girls in the summer. June and July playoffs in August. Utilize the model used by our Recreation league. Maybe 3 games per evening. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Friday as make up night- if weather necessary, possibly 8 weeks with play offs. The cost would be \$40.00 per player. Family max \$100.00. Trophies for the winning team after play offs. Signups after April vacation.

MOTION: Joanne  
SECOND: Sue  
VOTE: All in favor

Towtaid Park update- Nancy provided 2 options for the configuration of the basketball, handball and pickleball courts. Option A is the existing layout with the pickleball and handball courts in opposite directions than current layout, and option B changes the direction of the layout. A discussion was held.

MOTION: Lucky moved to move the discussion  
SECOND: Bob  
VOTE: All in favor

MOTION: Lucky moved to keep the court in its existing configuration (Option A)  
SECOND: Jess  
VOTE: All in favor

Communications- Best Practices. Paul Fontaine asked that we have a method of communication for cancellations and inquiries. Discussion held. We ask that the secretary send a direct email to the members so that everyone will know if a meeting is cancelled. Additional discussion concerning inquiries etc. was held. It was determined that either Sue will answer inquiries, or she will reach out to others if she doesn't know that answer.

Youth basketball for next year- discussion held. We would like to continue a basketball league if possible. We will begin looking on social media for someone who might like to run a league.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOARD REPORTS:

Nancy- None

Lucky- Community Field- hole in the roof of the snack shack. Roof and plywood are rotted. Area was covered with plywood by Highway Department to secure. Roof needs to be replaced. Lucky will try to get roof quotes and will get back to the committee. Discussion held.

Joanne- Parks and Rec sponsored Railers v. Newfoundland Growlers game- reached out to them, received an email that they would create a flyer and get back to us and after numerous emails they never answered us. Time is tight, we will postpone and try again next year.

Sue- Rochdale Park- Jr/Sr league did not have enough players- cancelled. High School is all set. Little League is all set as well. Continued sign-ups will be accepted when dates are available.

Possible fundraiser- dodgeball fundraiser- Fan wear store online for Leicester gear- babysitter class, reading in the park, bus trips, trail and walking groups. Discussion held.



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Jessica- Basketball finished at the end of February. All children received trophies.

Becker field group discussed rules and regulations for the parks and ields and also job posting for a scheduling person to take over the scheduling of fields. Becker turf field is not being scheduled yet. Security was discussed concerning the Becker gym.

Paul- Burncoat Parl- February meeting had no quorum. March 10<sup>th</sup> virtual good meeting. Mass Trails Grant was discussed- proposing to get grant money to create trails etc. Next meeting will be in April.

Bob- was shocked with the cost of the Woo Sox tickets- concerned that we may not be able to get a lot of interest.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00pm in person.

MOTION: Nancy moved to adjourn meeting at 9:30pm

SECOND: Paul

VOTE: All in favor