



# Claremont Parks & Recreation Minutes

Date: September 10, 2012

5:00 PM - Site tour of new Community Center  
6:00 PM @ Goodwin Community Center

Board Members:	Toby Batchelder, Jeff Coburn, Jim Feleen, Ted Hopkins, Wayne McElreavy, John Napsey, Jodi Tenney, Carolyn Towle
Other Invitees:	Scott Hausler
Attendees:	Toby Batchelder, Jeff Coburn, Jim Feleen, Wayne McElreavy, John Napsey, Jodi Tenney, Carolyn Towle
Excused:	Ted Hopkins
Next Meeting:	Monday, October 08, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: was done at 6:10 PM

### REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Monthly meeting of August 13, 2012 - Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the meeting of 8/13/12 was made by Carolyn Towne, seconded by Jim Feleen. Vote: Unanimous Approved

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Any update from Jane Taylor on the merger of the Boards? Jane continues to work on researching the history of the Boards. It was asked what the next step would be to move forward with this and Scott thought that the City Manager would need to present the findings and suggested outcome to the City Council for final approval. Jodi Tenney commented that we have been working on this for over 5-months and seem to be making little progress. How long should something like this take? It was asked if Jane could give us the information she has gathered thus far. Scott will follow up with Jane. Should this be moved to parking lot?
- Update on Barnes Park and the repairs to the stadium seating. This project is moving forward. The Elks club will be meeting 8/13 to determine how much money they will be able to allocate toward the project.
- Fall/Winter Programs - The program is in a final draft and will have an insert giving detail of the new Center. It was asked if Justin Martin could come to a meeting and talk about the different programs.
- Volunteers for the Fall Festival Event – Looking for volunteers to help w/ the 5K Road Race the weekend (10/6) of the Chili Cook Off. All booths will be set up at the Visitors Center. Toby asked if the Post Grad Committee could set up a booth and Scott suggested the group contact the Chamber.
- Scholarship Policy – Scott is in the process of finishing up with the new Scholarship Process and plans to review the application process at our next Board Meeting 10/8.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- It was asked what the cost was for the different sports teams. All the cost is the same with the exception of some of the travel teams.
- Jeff wanted to update everybody that the 24hr Softball Tournament had been postponed until 9/22 due to weather conditions. Money earned from this will be donated to the Scholarship Program.

- Jim wanted to update the Board on the River Edge Project. Lee Stevens did a walk thru along with a member of the Department of Agriculture and discovered there was a lot of evasive species but not as bad as they originally thought. They will be putting together a proposal for the City Council to let them know how they would like to proceed.
- Jeff asked if there were going to be membership passes to the new Center. Scott will have a draft for the October meeting.
- Scott said the Center is still on target to open mid January.
- Jodi asked why gyms would be used for the TSV Tournament this year. Scott said in years past a request is sent out to see which gyms are available. In past years the high school gym has not been used.
- Scott wanted to let the Board know that the Men's Flag Football League had worked with Aaron Robar very closely in the past and was able to work out the question regarding insurance.
- Carolyn had commented that while she was watching a flag football game at Monadnock Park that the spectators were very good about picking up rubbish but noticed that several people were smoking around the spectators. She had thought that there was a "no smoking" ban at the parks. Scott said that the Board had looked into this a few years ago and will pull out the information that was gathered at the time. He will also talk with the City Managers and Police Chief Scott for their guidance on the matter.
- Carolyn wanted to pass along that she had heard from several individuals that the temperature of the indoor pool was cool and not comfortable for those individuals suffering from arthritis. Scott mentioned that everything is set on an automatic thermostat but will check to see what it is currently set at.
- It was suggested that with Monadnock Park being so busy that maybe there should be a drop-off zone or maybe re-look at making it all one-way. Scott will have the traffic committee take a look at the situation.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** See attached

**NON-AGENDA:**

**PARKING LOT:**

- Strategic Planning
- Capital Improvement Project (CIP)

Motion to adjourn the meeting of 9/10/12 was made by Toby Batchelder, seconded by Carolyn Towne. Vote: Unanimous Approved

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jolene Tenney  
Secretary

**August 2012**  
**Parks & Recreation Report**  
**Submitted By: Scott Hausler, Director**

The new facility project continues to be a very busy location in the City. The month of August has the building almost completely enclosed. Electrical, walls, ceilings, roofing were all part of the project construction.

Drop in-or by programs continue with Zumba Fitness, Aqua Fit Classes and Pickleball. We continue to offer Aqua Zumba!

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lollipop Carnival was a success with a turn-out of about 300 people. Like most years we had the Police, Fire, and ambulance which are always a hit. Dylan Tenney and Cheryl the Clown entertained throughout the day.

Fall Soccer Sign ups will be ending September 7<sup>th</sup>. We are seeing great numbers for kids but are low on volunteers. The department is still in need of coach volunteers for the program for all levels.

Adult Men's Basketball League sign ups have started. The program will begin with open gyms with league play to follow. The program will run through February. We are hoping the turn out is as good as last year!

The Coed Softball Championships was held on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Fred Savages took the title this year. The Softball League will have its 24 hour softball tournament to raise money for recreation scholarships. The event was held successfully last year. September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. is the start of the event at Veterans Park.

Twin Valley Street Hockey started up the first week of August and are using the outdoor basketball courts at the GCC.

There has been inquiry about Archery, we decided to try to offer it again this year. Sign ups end on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mini Cardinals Football had their first jamboree at John Stark August 25<sup>th</sup>. The volunteer help has been great for this season. Everything has been running smooth so far!

The department teamed up with West Central Behavioral Health to do one last kayaking trip. The group had wanted to take the kids for awhile but the trips were always full. Kerry Estee did a great job coordinating on her end and rallying up 17 people to participate in this trip! They had a great time and want to offer the trip every year.

Fall sports programs at Stevens have started which puts a lot of stress on the athletic fields at Monadnock and Barnes. The dry weather caused a lot of the turf to turn dormant which stimulates a lot of uncontrolled weed growth.

The courts at Barnes were resurfaced and new lines were painted. Cracks were filled with acrylic patch and some areas received the Armor Coating Surface which helps eliminate the crack from reappearing.

The Department is now getting ready for the annual Chili Cook-off. We began promoting by mailing post cards out to past years participants. Justin has been working with the Chamber on sponsors and advertisement. We are determined to make this another successful year for the Fall Festival with the Chili Cook Off and the 5K Road Race.