

Board of Selectmen and
Lebanon Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
September 22, 2015 – **8:00 PM**
Town Hall

MINUTES

- 1.0** The meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m. by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Selectmen Linda Finelli and John Bendoraitis were also present. Representing Lebanon Recreation Commission Chairman Enes Martineau, Nick Poppiti, Laura Davidson, Alexis Margerelli-Hussey, Alan Dunnack and Aline Soulor; Rec Coordinator Sandy Tremblay; Representing Lebanon Ct. Little League Kyle Griffin and Alan Dunnack; Representing Lebanon Jr. Soccer Association Sarah Haynes, Robert Judd and Alan Dunnack.
- 2.0** Recreation Commission members provided overview of the various programs offered by Rec and differentiated which programs are self-sufficient (due to fees and other revenue) and those that require the use of town funds. The appropriation pays for administrative costs for the athletic fields including field maintenance and mowing, portable toilet, waste collection and wages for Rec Coordinator. The town also funds the wages for the open swim program at the Community Center Pool for the lifeguard and director but the swim lessons provide revenue to pay for life safety instructors, etc. used during the swim lessons. Other programs offered by Rec include volleyball, basketball, summer camps, bus trips, holiday programs, all of which are self-funded.
- 3.0** Kyle Griffin explained enrollment statistics for Lebanon Connecticut Little League (LCLL) with 175 enrolled in 2015, 225 in 2014, and 190 in 2013...averaging 200 participants per year. The programs they offer are for boys and girls, ages 4 – 12 years. In addition, 24 children are involved in fall ball programs. Age groups have varying fees for play with the average being \$80/child. Families with over three children receive a discount for the third child. Fees collected help cover expenses. In addition, their fundraisers provide for special purchases including the recent purchase of scoreboards for Tyler Field and a couple years ago LCLL reimbursed the Rec Commission for a portion of the restroom and field maintenance costs. LCLL balances their expenses to their income.

Discussion continue re the operation of the Lebanon Junior Soccer Association (LJSA). Enes explained that the Rec Commission maintains the field (as with baseball). Program enrollment was discussed and enrollment appears to remain steady. Franklin has joined the Lebanon program providing 40 additional players. The use of baseball fields by the LJSA takes a toll on the fields, and left the grass/ground severely damaged in the past year. This needs to be looked at in the future as the fields need to “rest” between baseball and soccer in order to provide proper maintenance of field. At present, there isn’t enough time between activities to over-seed and fertilize. Alan Dunnack explained that all coaches/volunteers try to work together for the benefit of all the kids, hoping that the new soccer field will be realized.

4.0 Rec Commission, LCLL and LJSA members work well together, very different from the relationships in the past. Together these organizations plan to solve the issues of field maintenance and over-use through cooperative efforts to benefit the kids and families involved in their programs.

5.0 Motion by Finelli/Bendoraitis to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Vote: Yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joyce R. Okonuk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman