

SALISBURY RECREATION COMMISSION
Special Meeting July 23, 2024

The special meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were Lou Bucceri, Becky Lachaine, Lisa McAuliffe, Jon Russillo, Danny Smith. Chairman Bucceri presided.

Jon moved that the agenda for the meeting be approved as written. Danny seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Danny moved to approve the May 14, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Jon seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Lisa reported that through a partnership with EXTRAS, participants are taking swim lessons every day as well as participating in a one hour morning program of different types of games. They meet on Community Field, but if there is bad weather, they either meet at the Grove or at SCS.

She also reported that they hosted the first swim meet two weeks ago followed by a meet at Litchfield last week, and Canaan will be hosting one this week.

Swim lesson participation is down from last year, but those that are coming are getting good skills. Lots of kids are taking sailing lessons, the weekly sessions are all full. A number of people are renting kayaks and paddle boards.

There was a great turnout for the first Family Fun Night on July 9.

Pope Property Update-

Approximately 40-50 people were in attendance for a site visit on June 6. People expressed concerns about the density of housing and how it may affect the view of the rail trail.

Fortunately, there were not concerns raised regarding the proposed recreation plan. Danny asked about the "Save the Rail Trail" signage around town and Lisa said that there is no plan to change or pave the rail trail.

Lisa reported that the basketball courts down at Trotta are in major need of repair (very dangerous). She has spoken with Abby Conroy, director of land use office, about getting things moving by getting an updated survey of the property so that new basketball courts can be installed as well as pickleball courts.

There was no financial report available at the time of the meeting, but Lisa assured us that all was financially sound considering we were only three weeks into the fiscal year.

Lou read a thank you note from Julia Maier, a recipient of the SCS excellence in PE award.

Becky moved to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Danny and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Lachaine
Secretary

