

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES – October 26, 2011** (approved Jan. 25, 2012)

**ATTENDING:** Terry Cook, Sheldon Dyer, Don Field, Michael Gerald, Howard Raphaelson, Anne Rash  
**STAFF:** Jay O'Keefe, Curt Vincente  
**GUESTS:** Joanne and Tom Brita (TTYFCA), Kim Ewalt (WAM)

- A. Call to Order – Chairman S. Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
- B. Approval of Minutes – H. Raphaelson moved and A. Rash seconded that the minutes from the August 17, 2011 meeting be approved and the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Co-Sponsorship Application Reviews – J. O'Keefe gave a brief update in the status of the three co-sponsored groups. Joanne and Tom Brita from the Tri-Town Youth Football and Cheerleading Association (TTYFCA) gave a brief update on the status of the TTYFCA program. The NCFL mandated that TTYFCA merge with Coventry due to low registration in one age division. TTYFCA plans to re-establish the program with another league in the future. The TTYFCA Co-Sponsorship application review will be tabled until the spring. Kim Ewalt presented the Willington, Ashford, Mansfield (WAM) Youth Soccer Association application for Co-Sponsorship renewal. After discussion and review, H. Raphaelson moved and M. Gerald seconded that the WAM Co-Sponsorship be approved for the coming year. So passed unanimously. Mansfield Little League representatives were not able to attend the meeting so their Co-Sponsorship renewal will be addressed at a future meeting.
- D. Old Business – C. Vincente gave a brief update on membership, facility usage and discussed current marketing campaigns. A discussion on the fee recommendations was held. After a lengthy discussion, RAC members noted the pros and cons of the recommendations and there was unanimous support to send the recommendations on to the Town Council. C. Vincente noted that staff has researched potential cost saving measures, including slight reductions in operating hours on weekends. Following discussion, RAC members supported the plan to reduced hours at low use times on weekends. Staff will solicit feedback from the membership at two open forums in November. Brief updates were given by staff on Southeast Park, Skate Park and Lions Memorial Park.
- D. Correspondence – Letter from Pat Hemple was acknowledged.
- F. New Business – J. O'Keefe provided a brief report on Summer programs, gave an update on Fall programs and presented a preview of Winter programs. C. Vincente noted the activities of a new Playground Committee, which is looking to raise funds to install a playground on the Community Center site.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.