

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – April 25, 2012 (approved 8/15/12)

ATTENDING: Darren Cook, Sheldon Dyer, Don Field, Michael Gerald, Howard Raphaelson,
Anne Rash
STAFF: Jay O’Keefe, Curt Vincente
GUESTS: None

- A. Call to Order –Chairman S. Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.
- B. Approval of Minutes – A. Rash moved and M. Gerald seconded that the minutes from the January 25, 2012 meeting be approved and the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Co-Sponsorship Application Update – Todd Hodrinsky from the Mansfield Little League presented the MLL application for co-sponsorship renewal and gave a brief overview of current MLL activities. J. O’Keefe gave a brief update in the status of the three co-sponsored groups. Following discussion the MLL application for co-sponsorship renewal was unanimously approved. C. Vincente and J. O’Keefe discussed the status of the Youth Football program, noting that there is strong movement from interested residents to organize a local program through the Pop Warner organization. The youth football equipment dispute with Coventry Youth Football has not been resolved. Staff has secured the Southeast Park youth football storage space and will take a complete inventory as time permits. The youth football group was encouraged to determine which of the former Tri-Town Youth Football participants turned equipment into Coventry instead of Tri-Town. The new Pop Warner group, which essentially consists of many of the same registrants and organizers from the Tri-Town organization, believe that Coventry wrongly collected equipment from the Tri-Town participants and it does not belong to them, since the equipment was purchased by the Tri-Town organization and not Coventry. The Pop Warner group was encouraged to talk directly with Coventry Youth Football to resolve the equipment issue.
- D. Old Business – C. Vincente gave a brief update on membership, facility usage and discussed current marketing campaigns. J. O’Keefe gave a summary of the survey that was done this past semester by the UConn graduate students. C. Vincente briefly discussed improvements needed at Sunny Acres Park. Brief updates were given by staff on Southeast Park, Skate Park and Lions Memorial Park.
- D. Correspondence – UConn, CLAS article on the graduate student survey project was acknowledged.
- F. New Business – C. Vincente briefly reviewed the Fall quarterly report. J. O’Keefe provided a brief report on Winter programs and presented a preview of Spring programs. C. Vincente discussed the budget for fiscal year 2012-13, noting that the Town Council recently adopted their budget.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.