



**TOWN OF EASTON**  
**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
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***Recreation Commission meeting Wednesday August 24, 2011***

Tana Babbitt not in attendance  
Robert Benton not in attendance  
Jennifer Gallagher in attendance  
Erin Gianni in attendance  
Charles Hammond in attendance  
Elizabeth Nikiciuk, Chair in attendance  
William O'Neill in attendance

Anne Daley, Program Director in attendance  
Meredith Keach, Guest

**Meeting commenced at 7:05PM**

Review and Vote on June Minutes

The meeting minutes of June 7, 2011 were reviewed, Jen motioned to accept, Bill seconded, all in favor, June minutes accepted.

**Update on Chestnut Street Fields**

Elizabeth said they are moving along quickly. They are digging the wells, doing electrical work and the backstops are in. Elizabeth and Anne met with the playground company with Brad Washburn and Meredith Keach. Plans will be reviewed after discussion of the naming of the fields.

***-Naming***

Meredith Keach was introduced to the board. Meredith is the sister of Edwin Keach. Edwin died in a terrible car accident in front of the entrance to the complex. Meredith said Edwin grew up, he lived and he died in the neighborhood and believes this would be a very fitting memorial for him. Meredith said she would like to offer signage for the complex. She mentioned a granite sign, close to the entrance. She feels this would be respectful to the neighbors and to the complex. A larger sign with possibly a map of the complex would be placed closer to the field area. Meredith said she is respectfully asking for the Recreation Commissions recommendation of support to the Board of Selectmen to name the complex after her brother Edwin.

***-Usage***

The commission was asked if we have a fee schedule set up for the complex. Elizabeth feels we went to the organizations and told them we were not asking for anything, just their support at the town meeting. We can't turn around and ask them for money to use the fields. Bill and Jen both agreed with Elizabeth. Bill said we will lose our credibility if we change our message. Elizabeth said we directly asked the question and were told we do not need anything from the organizations, just support. Elizabeth said outside organizations, adult leagues, or tournaments could possibly be charged a fee, but not the youth organizations. We need to find another way to have the fields maintained. The commission was under the impression the DPW maintains town owned fields but recreation may need to purchase the materials. The softball league said they will help maintain the softball fields.

### ***-Playground***

The Commission reviewed the plans for the playground and suggested a few changes to be made. Anne will give Nancy White the changes and have her send back a new plan.

### **Review Upcoming Patriots Fundraiser**

Anne said that ECMG Inc. changed the date due to scheduling. The new date is Saturday October 15, 2011 at 7:00 at the Oliver Ames High School Football Field. Anne will check with the Board of Health to see what we need to do to open the snack bar. Bill will check on items we can offer at the event. Everyone will try to find sports memorabilia to raffle off. Tickets will be available at the door. It was decided that \$10 per person or \$30 per family would be a fair price to charge. There will be a press release put in all papers by ECMG Inc. Anne will put it on the website, Town Crier and place signs around town. The question of who will the Patriots play was brought up. The Commission felt having the first responders playing would be a great idea. Anne will contact the police and fire chiefs.

### **Review Fall Programs**

Anne said the fall programs are all set. The registration forms will be sent home from school the first week. The programs offered are Golf at the Easton Country Club, Running Club, Homework Club, "Beauty and the Beast" Musical Theatre, Hip Hop Dance, Youth and Adult Kayaking, Chess and Art. Tennis will come out later in the fall. Anne said she was contacted by Ted at the Y. They are not able to have the volleyball program at the King Gymnasium. They do not have anywhere to play and would like to work with recreation to find a solution. The commission said since Tana has done both programs ours and the Y volleyball program she should be the one to work on this. Anne will contact Tana and discuss this with her.

Naming of the Chestnut Street complex was discussed. The commission made the following statement. We are in support of naming the complex and the fields at the Chestnut Street property. We are awaiting the policy from the town prior to making any recommendations.

### **Select Next Meeting Date**

The next two meeting dates are  
Wednesday September 21, 2011 at 7:00PM  
Wednesday October 5, 2011 at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00PM

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Elizabeth Nikiciuk, Chair

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Anne Daley, Program Director