

**DRAFT**

Chairperson Sugrue called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Members Present - Tammy Sugrue, Chairperson  
Matt Bauer  
Caron Morris  
Meichle Latham  
Carol Jarczyk  
Michael Smolen  
Lauren Masset, Recreation Supervisor  
Robert Breidenstein, Councilmember
  
- Absent - Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty  
Brian Adams, Highway Superintendent  
Judith Kindron, Director of Finance

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**MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

Motion by Chairperson Sugrue, seconded by Ms. Jarczyk, to approve Meeting Minutes of the September 18, 2024, meeting.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

- A. Playgrounds – Chairperson Sugrue stated Highway Superintendent Adams indicated his department’s playground priority list should be available in January and the commission should plan to compare their notes with the Highway Department list.

Councilmember Breidenstein stated Town Board approval for the purchase of playground equipment for Dorrance Park was given to Highway Superintendent Adams at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and will arrive late winter to early spring. Chairperson Sugrue commented that approval for playground equipment for Firemen’s Park was previously given. Councilmember Breidenstein confirmed this is correct.

Chairperson Sugrue stated she and Mr. Smolen were at Dorrance Park to obtain community feedback noting many people commented on the set-up of the playground as opposed to the equipment. Other comments included the lack of shade and the popularity of the basketball court. Chairperson Sugrue commented on the number of dogs observed and wondered if the area behind the ball field could be used for a dog park. Mr. Bauer stated he believes that area is owned by a radio station. Recreation Supervisor Masset agreed that the town does not own the radio tower; 701 Dorrance Avenue is town-owned and 675 Dorrance Avenue is owned by a broadcasting company. Councilmember Breidenstein stated he believes there is also an easement and will investigate this with the Code Enforcement and Assessor’s Offices. Chairperson Sugrue stated requests for parking to be more off the road were also made.

- B. Commission Events

1. Trivia Nights – Chairperson Sugrue stated she does not have any update but would still like to schedule some events through the winter months.
2. Christmas Lights – Chairperson Sugrue suggested making a list of decorated houses for others to drive by. Ms. Jarczyk asked if the property owners need to be notified. Councilmember Breidenstein stated homeowners should be notified.

C. Responses to Public Comments – Chairperson Sugrue stated there were no outstanding questions.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Courtney Fallon, Treehaven Road, made the following comments and questions:

- ✓ Advocates for the youth to have the same recreation offering and opportunities she was afforded
- ✓ Prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic the number of hours of recreation programming was higher
- ✓ Recreation spending is the lowest compared to other municipalities
- ✓ Residents have requested full-day summer day camp

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Recreation Supervisor Masset's Report

- ✓ January program registration will begin early December
- ✓ Spring catalog has been released
- ✓ 2025 budget was approved, and summer programs are being finalized
- ✓ November dance – 16 tickets "sold" and 10 attended
- ✓ December dance is upcoming

B. 2025 Meeting Dates – Chairperson Sugrue asked the members if the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6 P.M. is still agreeable as well as no meetings in August and December. The commission members were.

Motion by Chairperson Sugrue, seconded by Ms. Latham, to approve the 2025 meeting dates as follows: January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, September 17, October 15, and November 19.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

C. 2025 Chairperson – Chairperson Sugrue stated she will not continue as the Chair of the commission in 2025. No commission member terms will expire at the end of 2024.

### **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chairperson Sugrue commented that open skate time has decreased and asked who she might contact to increase the availability. Recreation Supervisor Masset stated that the town has an agreement with West Seneca Youth Hockey for the Ice Rink and that Youth Hockey has an agreement with Holiday Leisure who sets the schedule for open skate. Councilmember Breidenstein stated the Town Board can facilitate the request if this is a community need.

Councilmember Breidenstein stated the Town Board would like the commission to consider admission fees for the pool for the 2025 season.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Chairperson Sugrue, seconded by Ms. Morris, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

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Margaret A. Martin  
Deputy Town Clerk/Secretary to the Youth and Recreation Commission