

**TARRYWILE PARK AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

On Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., the regular meeting of the Tarrywile Park Authority, was called to order at Tarrywile Mansion, 70 Southern Blvd., Danbury, CT, by Chairman Michael Marcus, Town Clerk.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following board members were recorded as present:

**Board Members:** W. Platz, R. McGarrigal, D. Manacek, M. Marcus & B. Talarico

**Board Members Absent:** Marita Repole, J. Harner & Jeff Preston

**Park Staff:** B. Petro

**Guests:** Roseanne Schepis

Public Speaking: Friends of Tarrywile member Roseanne Schepis reported on F.O.T. activity.

**AGENDA:**

1. **Chairman's Report:** No report

2. **Minutes – March 17, 2015:** A motion was made by R. McGarrigal to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting. W. Platz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Financial:**

A. **Financial Reports – March 2015:** A motion was made by R. McGarrigal to approve the financial reports. W. Platz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Old Business:**

A. **LoCIP Projects Update:** B. Petro reported that after the engineering firm of Friar & Associates came in, the project is now estimated to cost as much as \$120,000, not the original \$43,398 that was available. To date, \$8,600 has been spent with Friar and Associates and on drawings. Leaving \$34,798 in the account and a shortfall of \$85,202. The City Finance Director was contacted to ask for help funding the shortage. His reply was that funds should be reallocated from two other Tarrywile projects to help pay for the oil to gas conversion. Those projects would be: Red Barn Renovations \$40,000, Camp Building Roof at \$25,000 and Camp Building Renovations at \$25,000 for a total of \$90,000. The Board would need to vote on the matter if they wish to proceed on transferring these funds over to the Oil to Gas conversion. Discussion followed. Chairman Marcus will look over the plans and contact construction services if he has questions.

**A motion was made by R. McGarrigal to approve the transferring of the funds after Chairman Marcus has looked over everything. W. Platz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Carriage House Roof & Renovation Project, funds are now available and projects will be proceeding.

Equipment Garage, the project, from 6 years ago had never moved forward as there was a \$35,000 shortfall. This project was funded under a bond issue, not State funds so it could not be transferred to any other project. Staff engaged Construction Services and asked what can be done with \$75,000. I am happy to report that we are just waiting on modified drawings and by summer construction will be under way on a 3 bay storage garage down past the milking parlor.

5. **New Business:**

- A. April 2015 Park & Mansion Use Report:** The April report prepared by B. Petro, shows that there were 6 events scheduled for the Park with 170 people attending. There were 5 events scheduled for the Mansion with apx. 243 people attending.
- B. Park Concerns:** B. Petro wanted to update the Board on this matter. Last November, the Chief of Police aware that we had seen an increase of youth in the upper lot that were not always abiding by the law. Police were being called when we witnessed anything but more patrols were requested. He sent more patrols through. It stopped, mainly due to the winter weather. It started back up with the good weather. Mr. Setaro from Deer Hill called to complain about "people speeding down Deer Hill, terrorizing our neighborhood and going up to Tarrywile to do drugs". So the Chief was contacted again. About the same time, I received an email from a Park user concerned because she had started to see a lot of out in the open drug smoking going on. This email was also forwarded to the Chief. The Chief increased the patrols, the lights on the Greenhouse are now on at dusk and off at 1am (we do not run them all night), and we also installed a sign in the upper and lower lots that says: no Loitering, no illegal drugs, and no alcohol. Then Sunday at 6 pm an officer arrested two 20 year olds that ended up having marijuana in the car but also alcohol. Patrols are coming in several times a day and staff remains vigilant.
- C. Mansion Rate Review:** Staff recently attended a meeting of the Connecticut Special Places for Special Events at which the 2015 facility rental rates were discussed. Several have jumped in prices making Tarrywile the lowest priced facility Discussion followed.

**A motion was made by W. Platz to raise the weekend rates as of June 1, 2015 to \$2,200 for full day rentals, \$1,500 for full day off-season rental and \$175 an hour for weekend hourly rentals. D. Manacek seconded. The motion passed with W. Platz & D. Manacek in favor, B. Talarico & R. McGarrigal opposed and Chairman M. Marcus breaking the tie vote with a vote in the affirmative.**

6. **Other Business:** N/A

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by R. McGarrigal to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by D. Manacek. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Barbara Talarico, Secretary  
Tarrywile Park Authority