

Minutes
Coe Memorial Park Subcommittee
September 2, 2009

Mission Statement

To create within the downtown area of Torrington a first class horticultural oasis in Accordance with and strict adherence to the Intent of the Coe Godfrey benefactors and the Coe Family Trust

Present

*Parks & Recreation Superintendent J.Brett Simmons
Parks & Recreation Chairperson Patricia Fairchild
Parks & Recreation Commissioners Dan Lovallo & Jim Pescatore
Coe Memorial Park Subcommittee Members: Susan Coe Holbrook, Margaret Keywan,
Frank Pennington, Dr Isadore Temkin, Marc Trivella, Mary Zbell
Still River Gardens proprietors Jeremy and Lori Stickney*

Absent

Coe Memorial Park Subcommittee Member Emeritus Robert Driscoll

Prior to the meeting there was a meeting at 3:45 p.m. in Coe Memorial Park with Mike Zaharek in regard to the trees in the park.

A detailed map and identification of the trees was given out.

Mr. Zaharek proposed a management plan for over a five year period in order to provide continuing care of the trees, planting of new trees and removal of trees.

This plan included tree maintenance pruning, cabling, air spading and composting with bio-stimulants.

Integrated pest management in order to detect insects and disease treatments on an as needed basis was also discussed as well as relocating some trees.

On a walk thru the park **every** single tree was discussed and evaluated.

Many of the trees in Coe Memorial Park are species trees and highly valued.

Of particular concern of the Subcommittee was the large copper beech at the beginning of the park.

Mike Zaharek explained the procedure for treating the tree and continual treatment in order to preserve it. That treatment is now in progress.

In the near future Mike will present to the Subcommittee a priority mandate along with a cost analysis.

Patricia Fairchild opened the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Susan Coe Holbrook and seconded by Marc Trivella to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Park and Recreation Superintendent J.Brett Simmons stated the following:

- The Budget Performance Report up to 7/31/09
- Calendar schedules for the Coe Memorial Park Civic Center for August and September
- Paint analysis of the Carriage House will be forthcoming.
- A list of the paying and non-paying users of the Civic Center
- Report on the status of the fountain motor
- The report on the humidity problem in the Civic Center will be forthcoming at the next meeting as the superintendent has an appointment with Ct. Basement Systems this week.
- A list of plant materials and expenses along with a timecard was submitted by Still River Gardens.
- At the October meeting, Police Chief Maniago will hopefully attend to discuss the continuing problems at Coe Memorial Park.

Stephen Nocera, Administrative Assistant, announced that the delay for the RFP was due to the fact that the Corporation Counsel was on vacation. The RFP will go out this week statewide and the reviews will take place the first week in October.

A motion was made by Mary Zbell and seconded by Marc Trivella to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be October 7, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. at the Armory.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret K. Keywan

Recording Secretary