

**TORRINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 4, 2009**

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission at 6:05 PM on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at the Armory. In attendance were Chairperson Fairchild, Vice Chair Fran Ducotey, Secretary Dan Lovallo, Commissioner Duke Wall, Commissioner Jim Pescatore, Superintendent Brett Simmons, and Recreation Director Donna Winn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pescatore and seconded by Commissioner Ducotey to change the order of the agenda to discuss the Logo Contest. All were in favor.

**LOGO CONTEST:**

Superintendent Simmons announced the winners of the Logo Contest. The second place winner was Piotr Ferenc and the first place winner was Dan Balducci. Both contestants will receive cash prizes in the amount of \$50 and \$200.00, respectively. The Commission thanked them for all their work and was grateful for their support.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pescatore and seconded by Commissioner Lovallo to change the order of the agenda to introduce Still River Gardens. All were in favor.

Superintendent Simmons introduced Still River Gardens as the new gardeners at Coe Memorial Park.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wall, seconded by Commissioner Ducotey, and all were in favor to approve the minutes from the Wednesday, February 4, 2009 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pescatore, seconded by Commissioner Lovallo, and all were in favor to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2009 special meeting regarding softball.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Terri Bambakidou from Mickey Mantle Baseball stated that she was unhappy about the scheduling meeting for Fuessenich Park, stating she felt she was unfairly treated, and there is a conflict of interest. She was told that this matter will be addressed at a different time.

Roger Fulton informed the Commission that the Torrington Little League is planning to buy supplies out of town, and he asked the Commission if they could suggest to Little League buying in town.

Rob Manchester, coach of the Torrington Tornados, asked the Commission to keep in mind for the future, the possibility of a field with dimensions to accommodate the younger players.

Ed Godomski, Commissioner of Tri-State Baseball League, asked the Commission to consider having more Tri-State games at Fuessenich Park.

### **FACILITY REQUESTS:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lovallo, seconded by Commissioner Wall, and all were in favor to approve a request by the Mayor's Office to use the Coe Memorial Civic Center for a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17, 2009.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pescatore and seconded by Commissioner Lovallo to approve a request by the Torrington Memorial Detachment of the Marine Corps League for the Armory for their monthly meetings. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lovallo and seconded by Commissioner Pescatore to approve a request by Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative to use the Armory for a Clothing Drive on August 7-8, 2009. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ducotey and seconded by Commissioner Wall to approve a request by Torrington Foursquare Church for the use of Coe Memorial Park for the National Day of Prayer on May 7, 2009. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ducotey and seconded by Commissioner Pescatore to table the request for field usage. All were in favor.

### **PROGRAM UPDATE:**

Donna updated the Commission on the status of the events, and stated all is going well.

### **COE MEMORIAL PARK UPDATE:**

None

### **CHRISTMAS VILLAGE UPDATE:**

Brett reported to the Commission that the men are working putting up shelving at the Village in addition to taking down decorations when time allows. Brett also reported that the total donations for the Village were approximately \$18,000.00 for the year.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **STIPEND APPLICATION DRAFT:**

The Commission reviewed the draft for the stipend applications, and Brett will continue to finalize the application.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **ARMORY GYM RULES:**

The Commission reviewed the proposed rules for the Armory Gym. A motion was made by Commissioner Wall and seconded by Commissioner Ducotey to approve the gym rules. All were in favor.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

### **CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE:**

Brett informed the Commission on the progress of the projects that have been started and completed at this time. Brett also explained to the Commission the plans for the upcoming projects, with a projected time frame for all.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wall and seconded by Commissioner Pescatore to approve the request to purchase the borders for Besse Playscape in the amount of \$3,500. All were in favor.

### **FACILITY UPDATES:**

Brett reported to the Commission on the work that has been taking place recently, and said all is going well.

### **BUDGET UPDATE:**

Brett informed the Commission that he will be meeting with the Mayor next week to review the Department's proposed budget.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Commission had a discussion on setting up additional committees, and will decide how to proceed at a later time.

Fran asked the Commission if they would mind if he meets with PAL to discuss the future of the Skate Park. All were in favor.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Commissioner Lovallo and second by Commissioner Ducotey, all were in favor to adjourn at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daniel Lovallo, Secretary