

Torrington Park and Recreation Commission
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
Minutes January 21, 2009

Chairperson Patrician Fairchild called to order a special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:15 pm on Wednesday January 21, 2009 at the Armory. In attendance were Chairperson Pat Fairchild, Vice Chairperson Fran Ducotey, Secretary Dan Lovallo, Commissioner Jim Pescatore, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Brett Simmons, and Recreation Director Donna Winn. Absent was Commissioner Duke Wall.

Superintendent Simmons presented the Commission with the proposed 2009-2010 Recreation Department budget. Brett informed the Commission of the need for some slight increases in the payroll lines. In the part-time payroll lines, Brett explained that an increase in the minimum wage and an upcoming 53-week fiscal year have accounted for a slight increase in the part time employment amount. Brett also explained the need for some additional part-time office help, stating that at certain times, the office is under a very demanding work load.

The Commission reviewed the proposed budget and came up with some alternatives to keep the budget as close to a zero increase as possible.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pescatore, and seconded by Commissioner Ducotey, to combine all stipends into a single pool of money, reduce this pool by 50% to \$12,625, and award stipends to organizations on an as-needed basis. The Commission will meet again to finalize the details and guidelines on how organizations will make application for the stipend funds. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lovallo and seconded by Commissioner Ducotey to reduce Varsity Alumni Basketball money for Board of Education gym usage from \$24,000.00 to \$15,000.00, and the Summer Basketball League from \$11,000.00 to \$9,000.00. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pescatore and seconded by Commissioner Lovallo to approve the recommended budget with the proposed changes as stated. All were in favor.

Commissioner Pescatore was unable to stay for the entire meeting and was excused at 8:00 P.M.

Superintendent Simmons presented the 2009-2010 Parks Department budget and reviewed the line items with the Commission. Following review, a motion was made by Commissioner Ducotey and seconded by Commissioner Lovallo to approve the Parks Budget as presented by Superintendent Simmons. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Lovallo and second by Commissioner Ducotey, all were in favor to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Daniel Lovallo Secretary