

**TORRINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2009**

Co-Chairperson Fran Ducotey called to order a regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission at 6:10 PM on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the Armory. In attendance were Co-Chairperson Ducotey, Secretary Dan Lovallo, Commissioner Jim Pescatore, and Superintendent J. Brett Simmons.

Absent were Chairperson Patricia Fairchild, Commissioner Duke Wall, and Recreation Director Winn.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lovallo, seconded by Commissioner Pescatore, and all were in favor to approve the minutes from the April regular meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Fuessenich Park Partnership explaining their intentions to continue selling ad signs at the park.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pescatore and seconded by Commissioner Lovallo to ask Chairperson Fairchild to set up a meeting with the Partnership to discuss the future of the Park. All were in favor.
- Letter received from the Sue Grossman Committee inviting the Commission to attend the opening of the walkway.
- A letter was sent from Brett to Midget Football and Little League to get approval for the fireworks.
- A letter sent by Brett to the Civil Air Patrol and the Marines explaining that signs will only be allowed inside the Armory.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Art Pettit requested that the Machuga family be informed when the buildings will be burnt on the Machuga Property stating the family would like to be present. Brett explained that it would be difficult to give them much notice, because the burn will be set up through the TFD. Brett will do his best to give them as much notice as possible once he has the info from the TFD.

FACILITY REQUESTS:

- A motion was made by Commissioner Lovallo and seconded by Commissioner Pescatore to allow the Torrington Development Corp. the use of Coe Park pending the question of whether it is a City Run event. If not the fees would apply. All were in favor.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Lovallo and seconded by Commissioner Pescatore to approve a request from the YMCA to use Coe Park for a graduation. All were in favor.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Lovallo and seconded by Commissioner Pescatore to approve a request by Prime Time House to use Coe Memorial Park and the Armory in case of rain, for a candle light vigil. All were in favor.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pescatore and seconded by Commissioner Lovallo to allow the Fuessenich Park Partnership the use of Coe Memorial Park for a plaque unveiling. All were in favor.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pescatore and seconded by Commissioner Lovallo to allow the use of Coe Memorial Park for the Torrington Road Race pending understanding of the fees. All were in favor.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Lovallo and seconded by Commissioner Pescatore for the use of Coe Memorial Park to Education Connection pending the fees be paid, for the Summer Feeding Program. All were in favor.
- A motion was made by Commission Lovallo and seconded by Commissioner Pescatore to put on hold the request by the Torrington Primers until more info is provided. All were in favor.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Lovallo and seconded by Commissioner Pescatore to allow the use of the Armory for the Chamber of Commerce for their Home Show. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pescatore and seconded by Commissioner Lovallo to return the order of the meeting back to Citizens Comments. All were in favor.

Mark Vinisko spoke to the Commission asking that they consider making some fields different dimensions to accommodate other leagues.

PROGRAM UPDATE:

Brett updated the Commission, stating that all is going well with the programs. Brett reported that summer camp enrollments are increasing.

COE PARK UPDATE:

Brett informed the Commission that things are going well at Coe Memorial Park. He has been working with the new gardeners at the Park, and is very pleased so far with their performance.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE UPDATE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A meeting has been set with the Mayor to go over the budget for Recreation and Coe Memorial Park.

SUPERINDENDENT'S REPORT:

Brett reported to the Commission on the status of the completed projects, and updated the Commission on the list of work for the upcoming month. Brett stated that all is going well.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner Pescatore and second by Commissioner Lovallo, all were in favor to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Lovallo, Secretary