

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of November 7, 2011 Meeting

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Armory. In attendance were Commissioners Jim Pescatore and Gerry Carbone, Superintendent Brett Simmons and Recreation Director Donna Winn.

Adoption of Previous Month's Minutes

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2011 Commission meeting.

On a motion by Gerry Carbone with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting on October 5, 2011.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting on October 6, 2011.

Correspondence

- Email from "Silent Santa", Bob Smith thanking for use of Christmas Village.
- Email from Frank Cardello (Santa Frank CT) requesting to be Santa this year. Donna will speak with Bob Smith about this.
- Email from Lt. Mike Emanuel thanking the Park and Rec crew for cutting up the trees at the TPD.
- Email forwarded by Mayor Bingham from Jennifer MCarthy thanking all of us for the Trunk or Treat event.
- Letter from MSgt. David Miller requesting metal detecting at Torrington Parks. Brett will invite him to the next meeting.

Citizen's Comments: none

Facility Use:

On a motion by Gerry Carbone with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request of the Connecticut Protective Tree Association to use Coe Memorial Park in May for a climbing competition. This came after a presentation by Bud Neal of the Association and the approval of Mike Zaharek.

Programs

Donna Winn reported:

- Not many signups for the After School Program.
- Joe's Pizza wants to be involved with food sales at the concerts at Coe Memorial Park.

- The Halloween Party went well.
- The first ballroom dance class had 80 people. Not sure about doing one in November.
- Phenomenal turnout for Trunk or Treat. We will start early for planning for next year.

Sports

Sander Stotler, GM of the Titans, updated the commission on Titans plans. There should be seven teams in the league this year. On July 14, the Titans will sponsor a night of wrestling as a fund raiser.

The softball meeting will be held on November 15.

Capital Budget

Brett distributed the latest update of projects to commissioners and explained many of the works in progress.

Facility Operations

Brett provided commissioners with a list of on-going work, projects recently completed, current projects, upcoming events, and upcoming projects. He also distributed copies of his email sent after the snow storm which detailed happenings at Coe Memorial Park.

Coe Memorial Park

Brett provided commissioners with copies of the recent meeting packet that was distributed to members of the Coe Memorial Park Committee. Commissioners discussed responses to the motions made by the committee at their last meeting.

On a motion by Gerry Carbone with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to support the transplanting of the hostas in Coe Memorial Park with the alternative to discard them.

Old Business: None

New Business

On a motion by Gerry Carbone with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to approve the 2012 meeting schedule.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to move Election of Officers to the December meeting.

Adjournment

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Patricia A. Fairchild
Chairperson and Recorder of the Day