

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of October 5, 2011

Meeting

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at the Armory. In attendance were Commissioners Fran Ducotey, Gerry Carbone, Jim Pescatore, Dan Lovallo, Superintendent Brett Simmons and Recreation Director Donna Winn.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2011 regular commission meeting.

On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the special meeting held with the Coe Memorial Park Committee on September 7, 2011.

Citizen's Comments

Sander Stotland, the new GM of the Titans, introduced himself to the commission.

Bill Nataro spoke about the culmination of the Summer Basketball Program and of its success.

Brian Mattiello, Chairman of the Fuessenich Park Commission updated the commission on what his commission had planned. They will pay for a new sound system for the park and will initiate a landscape assessment for the upper portion of the park.

Ansis Berg inquired as to when his team would be able to use Fuessenich or any other field for his remaining games. He will work with Donna and Jim on the scheduling.

Facility Use

On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Gerry Carbone the commission voted unanimously to approve Babe Ruth's request for Oak Ave.

On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request of the Drakeville Volunteer Fire Department for Coe Memorial Park on December 3, 2011 with fees as discussed at the meeting.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve Prime Time's request for Coe Memorial Park on December 9, 2011, with appropriate fees.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to approve Wolcott Tech's request for Alvord Park and Bishop Donnelly fields for designated dates.

On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted to approve Babe Ruth's request for Toro 1 for practice. Commissioner Pescatore abstained.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the P 38's schedule change.

On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to approve the City Of Torrington's request for the Armory kitchen on October 12, 2011.

On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to approve Torrington Little League's Fall Schedule.

Programs: Donna Winn reported:

- Fall/ Winter brochures have been distributed.
- A new program may be initiated that creates a video contest on teen subjects. She has met with Gerry Wingard from THS.
- Softball is finished and there will be a meeting with the softball committee and the commission at a later date.
- Donna, Brett, and Bill Nataro will write a thank you note to Forman School.
- Light Up Main will meet again on October 6. Donna has many things already lined up for that night.
- She distributed a flier announcing an after school program for children to be held at the Armory.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to change the order of the agenda and go into New Business.

New Business

Brett received a letter of thanks from Chris Carminucci, owner of the Titans, in which he requested his desire to exercise their Fuessenich Park lease option for the 2012 season.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to recommend to City Council the approval of the Titan's lease option for the 2012 season.

Sander Stotland, new GM of the Titans, spoke about the possibility of the sale of beer at Fuessenich Park for Titans games. Commissioners Ducotey and Carbone both expressed their displeasure with this possibility. Brett Simmons will speak with the Mayor about a possible meeting with the commission, City Council, and Chris Carminucci in regards to this issue.

## Sports

Updates were given during the Programs portion by Donna Winn.

## Capital/Budget

Brett updated the commission on some of the projects that have been undertaken or will be started in the near future.

- A new liner has been purchased for the ice rink.
- Bids are due for the Oak Ave. drainage project. Engineering will oversee this project and it may be completed in late fall or early winter.
- One basketball court will be reclaimed and resurfaced this winter.
- We are looking to get a new utility vehicle which will serve a variety of purposes.
- There may be a new shed for the pool which will serve for money collection, selling snacks, checking pool passes, etc.
- New mats for the Armory may be purchased.

## Facility Operations

Superintendent Simmons provided commissioners with a detailed list of on-going work, projects recently completed, current projects, upcoming events and upcoming projects.

## 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 response to the motions made by the Coe Committee at their last meeting.

Old Business: None

Other Business:

Brett spoke about the lawn area at Fuessenich Park. There are three or four sugar maple trees that are in decline and something needs to be done. On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to have the trees taken down.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:46 P.M.

Minutes submitted by:

Patricia A. Fairchild, Chairperson and Recorder of the Day