

## Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

### Minutes of December 7, 2011 Meeting

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at the Armory. In attendance were Commissioners Fran Ducotey, Jim Pescatore, Dan Lovallo, and Gerry Carbone, as well as Superintendent Brett Simmons and Recreation Director Donna Winn.

#### Adoption of Previous Month's Minutes

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

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011 special meeting with the softball committee.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2011 special joint meeting with the Coe Park Committee.

Correspondence: None

#### Citizen's Comments

Sgt. David Miller addressed the commission on his request previously written to change the no metal detecting rule at our parks. Chairperson Fairchild said that this would be discussed during "New Business" on the agenda.

#### Facility Use/Facility Requests

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Dan Lovallo, the commission voted unanimously to approve the Torrington Fire Marshal's request for Coe Memorial Park on a variety of dates from January to March for a Fire Marshal's class.

On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request of Torrington Christian Academy for the Armory for basketball games.

On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to approve Wolcott Tech's request for the Armory for girls' basketball practice.

#### Programs

Donna Winn reported:

- Only thirty-nine people signed up for the trip to Radio City. We will have to research future trips and their operation. A discussion on using Facebook to advertise our programs ensued.
- The PSA contest will take place after the holidays.

- Last Night is all planned out with many new activities.
- Christmas Village report was given by Brett and Donna. All is going well for this weekend's opening. Christmas Village Day is being handled by WZBG this Friday.

Sports: No reports

Capital/Budget

Brett Simmons reported on various projects being undertaken with new doors at Christmas Village, a plow for our trucks, and work on mold abatement at the Little League building being just a few of the projects.

Facility Operations

Brett provided commissioners with a 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 the Coe Memorial Park committee. Commissioners discussed responses to the motions made by the committee at their last meeting.

Brett stated that the Review Committee will meet on December 28, 2011 at City Hall.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Election of Officers: On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted to approve the following officers for 2011-2012: Chairperson Patricia Fairchild, Vice Chairman Fran Ducotey, and Secretary Jim Pescatore.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to add the metal-detecting issue to the agenda.

On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to table any decision in order to get further information to help with any changes to the rule already in place.

Other Business

Brett distributed a copy of the newly-written lease for the Little League building to the commission. On a motion by Gerry Carbone with a second by Jim Pescatore the commission voted unanimously to approve the lease.

We will need to schedule a special meeting to determine when and how our new fee schedule will be instituted.

Brett distributed copies of a list of committees for commissioners to work on. Commissioners should decide by the next meeting where they would like to work.

Adjournment

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Dan Lovallo, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Patricia Fairchild

Chairperson and Recorder of the Day