

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2011

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Armory. In attendance were Commissioners Jim Pescatore, 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 June 1, 2011 commission meeting.

Correspondence:

1. Request from Rick Dalla Valle for pool passes. On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to give Rick the requested pool passes.
2. Request from Susan B. Anthony for three pool passes. On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry 'Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to grant the request. Distribution of pool passes for next year will be discussed at the end of this pool season.
3. Two thank you notes were received from Dorothy Sekulski (DCF) and Mo Hubert (Friendly Hands) for the pool passes that their organizations received.

Citizen's Comments: None

Facility Use:

1. PAL request for Besse Pond and the pool on August 9th for "Cops and Kids Day." On a motion by Gerry Carbone with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request. They should remove all trash from the site that doesn't fit in the barrels.
2. Dean Dziejcz for Coe Memorial Park on August 14th for the Torrington Road Race. On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request with maintenance fees imposed.
3. Pack 3 Cub Scouts for the Armory on October 16 for a Penny Auction. On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request with maintenance fees imposed.

Programs: Donna Winn reported:

1. LEGO Camp was successful.
2. Baseball Camp had twenty-five participants, down in numbers from previous years. Gerry Carbone suggested we look to advertising on Facebook.
3. Pony and Pigtail Basketball have twenty-five participants so far.
4. Mad Science has twelve to fifteen signed up so far.
5. Cheerleading has eight signups thus far.

6. Idol auditions has twenty contestants cut to sixteen. There are not two divisions this year. There will be one \$1,000 prize.
7. Movie Night is July 17th.
8. Summer playgrounds have sixty campers at two sites.
9. Not many issues at the pool thus far. There is a great deal of concern with the handicap parking at the pool.
10. Summer concerts are doing well.
11. Magic Motion went very well. Better marketing is needed for next year.

Sports:

1. The Titans game on Sunday, July 10th is for the benefit of Parks and Recreation. Fourteen tickets have been sold thus far and we need to sell twenty.
2. One issue so far concerning women's softball.
3. Six bats were stolen from the shed and there have been nineteen broken bats so far this year. We will need to revisit this bat problem at the end of the season and make some decisions for next year.
4. Summer basketball is going well with about sixty teams participating.

Capital/Budget Updates:

Brett Simmons reported that the subcommittee met last week to discuss and approve the rounding out of many projects.

1. The bidding process for basketball court renovations will begin soon with the court at Besse Pond to be the first to begin this project. One court a year will be renovated.
2. Money has been allotted for fence repairs, park signs, and irrigation repairs.
3. A utility vehicle will be purchased and stored at a special storage facility at Fuessenich Park.
4. Money has been allotted for the extra cost of the Winthrop Street project.
5. A new liner for the ice rink will be purchased.
6. Jiggs Donahue, Rec Hall and Christmas Village are in line for future paving projects.
7. Brett will provide a list of small projects for Fuessenich Park improvements as has been requested by the Fuessenich Park Commission.

Facility Operations:

Brett provided commissioners with a list of on-going work, projects recently completed, current projects, upcoming events and projects and updates. We are pretty much at full staff at this time.

Coe Memorial Park:

Brett distributed copies of all information that was distributed to the Coe Memorial Park Advisory Committee. Commissioners addressed the motions made by the committee at their last meeting.

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Earl Tyler is retiring effective July 14. We are now in the process of finding his replacement.
2. Gerry Carbone distributed Fuessenich Park donation cards to the commission.

Adjournment: On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:41P.M.

Submitted by,

Patricia Fairchild

Chairperson and Recorder of the Day