

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of Meeting

September 7, 2011

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at the Armory. In attendance were Commissioners Fran Ducotey, Dan Lovallo, Jim Pescatore, and Gerry Carbone as well as 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 August 3, 2011, commission meeting.

On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on August 16, 2011.

Correspondence

- Letter from Jordan Levesque in regards to the hours of the skateboard park/
- Letter from Gordon Pepper concerning the putting up for sale of properties on 305 and 313 Oak Avenue.

Citizen's Comments

Bill Dexter of the Connecticut Society of Santas addressed the commission and requested Christmas Village for the members of his group to visit on October 8th when they meet at the Yankee Pedlar. This was done last year, also.

Facility Use

On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to approve the previously approved facility requests. They include"

- Torrington Youth Soccer for Alvord Park and Bishop Donnelly from August 20th to November 13, 2011.
- PAL for the Armory for basketball games in October, November, December, January, February, and March.
- Kathleen Golymbieski for Coe Memorial Park for DDS dances on various dates from October through May.
- Kevin Hales for the Armory for the annual Train Show on December 9, 10 and 11 of 2011.

On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to work with the Tornados on finding the appropriate field being flexible with the circumstances of the present time.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request for Christmas Village by the Connecticut Society of Santas on October 8, 2011.

Programs

Recreation Director Donna Winn reported:

- The Northwest Idol Contest went very well. Congratulations to Donna on its success.
- The Fall/Winter Brochure has gone to the printer.
- Ballroom Dance classes will be beginning.
- Softball is in the play-off stage.
- The Halloween Scare Crow contest may be brought back.
- The first Light Up Main meeting was held today.
- There may be a kids Idol Contest brought back.
- Park and Rec's Facebook page is up and running.

Sports

The commission will meet with Ken Frizzo and the Softball Committee in October.

Capital/Budget

Superintendent Simmons stated that many projects have been completed and also stated that many projects have been undertaken over the past few years. He is in the process of planning for projects that will see execution in the Spring.

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 responses to the motions made by the Coe Committee at their last meeting. On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Jim

Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to recommend to Mayor Bingham that Mark McEachern be appointed to the Coe Memorial Park Committee.

Commissioners discussed the By Laws that will be sent on to Ernestine Weaver. The commission agreed on only one addition to the document

Old Business

Earl Tyler's retirement party will be held on Friday, September 23rd.

Light Up Main is in its planning stage.

New Business: none

Other Business: None

Adjournment: On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:39 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Patricia A. Fairchild

Recorder of the Day