

Torrington Parks and Recreation  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Monday, October 20, 2008

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Monday, October 20, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. in the Armory. In attendance were Commissioners Dan Lovallo, Duke Wall, Jim Pescatore, Superintendent Brett Simmons, Recreation Director Donna Winn, and Frank Pennington. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for the upcoming opening of Carl Bozenski's Christmas Village.

**Toy Shower, December 5**

- Donna has made the arrangements at the Pedlar with Rob Persechino. Jim Pescatore will meet with him to arrange for refreshments as he did last year.
- Dan Lovallo suggested that a form letter be sent out to businesses informing them of the Toy Shower beforehand. He'll contact Glenn Royals and ask him to come to our next meeting with his suggestions.
- Donna stated that we made \$15,000 last year on the Toy Shower.
- Jim Pescatore will bring a laptop computer to the Toy Shower to facilitate our communications with WZBG.
- Donna reviewed the emails that she had received from WZBG in regard to the planning of their coverage of the Toy Shower. A meeting will be set up with the radio station to make plans for that event.
- Donna is looking into entertainment for the evening.

Donna is working on the opening ceremony and the parade.

A discussion on VIP night occurred. Many people complained last year about standing in line for a long time. Different solutions were discussed, and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

There is a major issue with the reindeer as many of the deer have gotten sick and died. Brett is looking into other places to hopefully get some in time for the Christmas Village opening.

On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Jim Pescatore, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia A. Fairchild*

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Chairperson

