

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JUNE 11, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission was held at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)	Anthony Chmielewski
Kevin Bellows	Nancy Walsh
Marie Petitti	Richard Moore
Kenneth Martin	Vincent Lipinski

Also, Dmitri Paris, Park Superintendent
Mary Markham, Recreation Director
John Marsilio, Public Works Director

Guests: Peter Tinnesz, 39 Cranbury Drive, Tr. Youth Lacrosse
Ted Chase, 27 Frances Street , Tr. Youth Lacrosse
Keith Butler, 15 Killian Avenue, Tr. Youth Lacrosse
Nancy Moore, 2157 Huntington Tpke., Tr. Farmers' Market
Linda Ciocci, 72 Shawnee Road, German Sheperd Dog Club of Gr. New Haven, Inc.
Dawn DeLaCruz, 1880 Old Town Road, Moon Bounce and Snowcone Request

Public Comments:

Peter Tinnesz, Tr. Youth Lacrosse:

Presented Binder for Summer Field Use Request. Distributed review of request for use of Indian Ledge turf field, Sunday, July 1st through Sunday, August 26th, plus a weeknight (Tuesdays or Thursdays), 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. or 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. They request this field as no lining necessary and already have goals at that location. They will pay for the lights. This is not a 'camp' just a pick-up. They have 350 players. Regular Season charge is \$150; Travel Team pays an extra \$75. March through June is regular season; Fall (Sept, Oct, Nov) they play at Hillcrest 'Pit' on Sundays. Winter they rent at the Sports Zone.

Nancy Moore, Trumbull Farmers' Market Master:

They have been in existence for 15 years and fall under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture. They are certified farmers, growing in the state of Connecticut. There are over 130 farmers markets in the state. They do not charge a fee to their farmers. They carry \$1,000,000 Insurance, \$2,000,000 aggregate. They receive their guide lines from Hartford. They must be certified every year. They set-up every Thursday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Long Hill Green from June 21st through October 26th. They request permission to continue the Trumbull Farmers' Market this season.

John Marsilio, Public Works Director, discussed Trash Pick-Up within the parks system with the Commission.

Superintendent reviewed the history to discontinuing the practice of placing and picking up trash barrels through the parks system in the late 1980's in keeping with the State Parks policy of "Take Out What You Bring In" because we were getting regular deposits of household waste in our barrels. Current labor for pickup of a series of locations at the concession stands is two men, two days a week.

Director Marsilio explained that the Town has only one compactor truck which is utilized for bulky waste scheduled pick-ups. We would need a device to collect trash in the parks system. The cost to the Public Works and Parks Departments would be very expensive. To contract for pick-up would still need the funding. His experience is that trash receptacles in parks is not advisable. They promote a culture of disregard and sloppiness. He would rather have the 'Take Out What You Bring In' enforced. He suggested we have our Rangers give out citations and fines (Ordinance 15-22 , up to \$90) should be imposed as well as post signs to deter littering.

Discussion on need to Dog Waste Pick-up and the need for receptacles for dog bags at some parks locations. Superintendent indicated he could set-up a trail location, Twin Brooks restroom back wall, for a Dog Waste Collection container. Ordinance 15-9 states all animals or pets must be leashed (not more than six feet in length), and all pet droppings must and picked-up. Users are not abiding by our ordinances.

Mr. Martin stated that signage helped at Abraham Nichols Park.

Parking on grass close to play areas was also discussed as a problem. It was agreed that there is a need for more no parking signs at these areas.

It was agreed that there is a need for more signage in the parks directed at Littering, Dog Waste Pick-Up and No Parking in designated areas. Director Marsilio said that the Public Works Department can accommodate a request for additional signs.

Chairman thanked Mr. Marsilio for attending for this discussion with the Commissioners.

Linda Ciocci, German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater New Haven, Inc.:

She explained that they have been granted use of Old Mine Park for several years for their dog events. They request Old Mine Park lower pavilion for their annual Match Shows on September 2, Temperament Show on September 30 and Point Show on October 13. They would anticipate no more than 25 dogs. They leave the park clean and provide the appropriate insurance.

Dawn DeLaCruz, Moon Bounce and Snowcone Machine request:

She is having a children's party (ages 5 through 17) on Friday, June 22, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Unity Park lower level. She would like to have a Moon Bounce from Kids On The Moon Company located in Stratford set up as well as a snowcone machine. Both require generator. There will be 25 parents and 25 kids. Food will be pizza and picnic condiments. They will take garbage out. They will have a small boom box for music and a face painter. If it rains, they will schedule a new date.

MOTION by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Mr. Moore, unanimously passed to close Guest of Agenda and return to the order of the Agenda.

MOTION by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Mr. Martin, and passed (Mr. Lipinski abstained) approving the minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting as distributed.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second by Mr. Lipinski, and unanimously passed to approve the Trumbull Youth Lacrosse summer use request as presented subject to scheduling through the Recreation Department.

Request by German Shepherd Club of Greater New Haven, Inc. for use of the lower pavilion and meadow area of Old Mine Park for three events at lower pavilion and meadow area of Old Mine Park. It is felt that all future dog events should be scheduled at the Dog Park at Indian Ledge Park. The first of the three events requested is for their Match Shows on September 2, 2012, day before Labor Day. As holiday weekends are heavily utilized by our residents, it is felt that this would not be an appropriate time for a dog event at Old Mine Park. While consideration will be given to the September 30 and October 13, 2012 shows, all future dog events will be reviewed and considered for the Dog Park location at Indian Ledge Park. The Commission will work with TDOG organization for scheduling such events.

MOTION by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Dr. Bellows, and passed (one opposed, Vincent Lipinski) **approving** request by the German Shepherd Club of Greater New Haven, Inc. to use of the lower pavilion and meadow area of Old Mine Park for their **Temperament Show on September 30 and Point Show on October 13, 2012** with presentation of Insurance Certificate holding the Town Harmless and completion of signed Waivers as provided by the Recreation Department for each participant; and **DENIED** use of Old Mine Park for Match Shows on **September 2, 2012**; with all future dog events considered for review and approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission only to be scheduled at the Dog Park at Indian Ledge Park.

Moon Bounce and Snowcone Machine request:

MOTION by Mr. Lipinski, second by Mrs. Walsh, passed (one opposed, Kenneth Martin) to approve use of a Moon Bounce and Snowcone Machine at children's party (ages 5 through 17) on Friday, June 22, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Unity Park lower level with submitted insurance certificate designating the Town as an additional insured and appropriate scheduling and permit through the Recreation Department.

MOTION by Mr. Lipinski, second by Mr. Chmielewski, unanimously passed that request by email of the Bridgeport Chapter of The Compassionate Friends to host an event at Twin Brooks Park on Sunday, July 29, 2012 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. is **DENIED** as no formal presentation was offered and not enough information received via email request.

MOTION by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Chmielewski, and passed (Richard Moore abstained) approving use of Long Hill Green by the Trumbull Farmers' Market for their Summer Season, Thursdays from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., June 21st through October 26th.

MOTION by Mr. Lipinski, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed that Superintendent will have installed three-types of signs within the parks system:

- Take Out What You Bring In (Park Ordinance 15-22, Penalty for Violation)
- Dog Leash and Clean-Up (Park Ordinance 15-9, Penalty for Violation)
- No Parking (In designated grassed areas near play areas.)

MOTION by Mr. Lipinski, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed that the Park Superintendent shall have installed one trash and dog waste collection containers location at Twin Brooks Park restroom area.

Superintendent shall present a schedule for Ranger assignments to check stickers as well as instruct them to strictly enforce Dog Clean-Up ordinance.

Superintendent's Report:

- Department on last week of Twin Brooks Park trail remediation work. Credit for Grant reimbursement is for work completed by June 15th.
- Problem with Beach Pool pumps and motors has been identified. We have discovered an electrical service open bank with voltage alterations over-heating motors. We have a current agreement with the United Illuminating Company to change contactors. UI will be replacing three poles, three transformers and three lines.
- Tashua Recreation Area:
 - Pool will have health inspection this week.
 - Pool will host a joint two-hour school picnic day before school closing. Lifeguards paid by BOE.
 - Park Department now cutting all Tashua Recreation Area grass.
 - Completed a large brush clean-up at the Tashua Madison Area Field.
 - Cricket pitch installed at Tashua Madison Field.
- Completed Old Mine Waterway planting project.

Recreation Director Report:

- Kiddie Concerts begin July 2 through August 7th.
- Teen Center:
 - School Year – Friday Nights for Middle School.
 - Saturday Nights- H.S. once a month (sometimes, every other week).
 - More Group Special Needs, once a month.
 - Second Floor – Pop Warner Cheerleaders.
 - Karate, Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - Yoga, Wednesdays
 - Childrens' Programs, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.- Daily Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
 - Summer
 - Teen Center Open Teen Nights – Mondays and Tuesdays.
 - Teen Swims – Tashua Pool, Wednesday Nights
 - Beach Pool, Thursday Nights
 - Special Needs Swims – 8:00 to 10 p.m. Monday nights.

MOTION to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted:

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Clerical Administrative Asst.

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