

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MARCH 11, 2013**

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

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)	Marie Petitti
Kevin Bellows	Nancy Walsh
Richard Moore	Nick Bragano
Vin Lipinski (7:09 p.m.)	

Also,  
Dmitri Paris, Parks Superintendent  
Mary Markham, Recreation Director  
Elaine Wang, Chief of Staff

Guests:  
Mike Fedell, 117 Pinewood Trail, Sr. City League  
James Blose, 110 Old Tree Farm Lane, Trumbull Titans  
James Olayos, 2320 Huntington Tpke, St. Joseph H.S. Athletic Dir.  
Greg Pavona, 67 Old Hollow Road, Pickleball  
Diane Sullivan, 10 Nob Hill, Milford, Regional Pickleball Assoc.

Mike Fedell, Sr. City League:

In support of Leagues spring facilities request. All paper work submitted. Use THS/Varsity from May 3 to July 3. Some post-season games. Most college players, some older who want to play when they are home in the summer. In comparison, cost of college league summer play is approx. \$1,800, plus living expenses. Sr. City League is as good. There is no charge for players. League costs (\$2,400 field and lights) handled by donation. League is 18 years old, 70 percent Trumbull residents. They pick-up players from other towns. Play 12 games in town, 12 games out-of-town (sometimes goes up to 15 games in town).

James Blose, Trumbull Titans:

They are a 12U Travel Team. This year, team of 11 players (7 Trumbull, 2 Monroe, 1 Fairfield, 1 Weston). They request a practice field. Team has been successful in the National's in Florida. When you are a travel team you need to get bigger and better players. There are many travel teams now...up from 12 to 20 teams. They understand the Facilities Use Policy and will be paying for their practice time, one (if possible, two days) a week. Long Hill Adm. Field best.

Greg Pavona, Diane Sullivan, Pickleball:

In support of their request to utilize a tennis court for pickleball, distributed samples of Gopher Vinyl adhesive tape and a non-adhesive rubber over-lay material. Concerned that lines placement would prevent their playing on the tennis courts.

James Olayos, St. Joseph High School Athletic Dir.:

Submitted his request for use of fields for Varsity and JV games. Noted that he has modified his request for less dates. They are looking for use of fields, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

In response, he indicated that St. Joseph's reciprocates on an as needed basis. Track for Trumbull Recreation field events in July and August, The Girls Basketball and band, use their gym. Their facilities consist of one artificial turf field, baseball and softball natural fields, one upper grass field (former tennis courts), six tennis courts, no lights.

Elaine Wang, Chief of Staff on behalf of Samantha Holmes, Hikes Request:

Ms. Wang indicated she is representing Samantha Holmes because Samantha is from Ridgefield and it is a school night and she is unable to attend. As a Youth Ambassador of Youth Service America, Samantha is requesting use of Old Mine or Indian Ledge Park as a location to congregate youngsters for a valley hike on two of three requested, April 7, 14 or 20 beginning at 10:00 a.m. for 25/30 youngsters, ages ten and under.

Chairman explained that Trumbull residents and leagues are requested to appear before the Commission to submit and discuss their requests for use of parks facilities; therefore, the request that Samantha appear was in keeping with that requirement.

**MOTION** by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed to close guest portion of the meeting and return to the order of the Agenda.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Walsh, second by Mrs. Petitti, unanimously passed approving the minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting with the following changes:

- **Add** – MOTION by Mr. Bragano, second by Mrs. Petitti, unanimously passed to approve Little League request for field scheduling, subject to field availability and Facilities Use Policy requirements being met.
- **Correct** MOTION by Mr. Martin, second by Mr. Bragano, unanimously pass to approve plans submitted by Trumbull Little League for a **press box at Unity Park #2** (*indicated in minutes as Unity Park #3*) with change to facade material to brick consistent with architectural brick details of Unity #1 press box with project oversight by the Parks Superintendent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trumbull Day Commission Meeting attendance by Parks Superintendent.

- The Parks and Recreation Commission indicated serious concerns for the impact of an event such as Trumbull Day on the THS/Hillcrest Complex and asked they consider the possibility of including fields recovery in their budget planning.
- Superintendent indicated that the Trumbull Day Commission is currently conceptualizing the event, scope, responsibility, Fire and PD requirements. Remediation will be included in their deliberations. Superintendent recommended use of pavement areas as much as possible.
- The Commission is newly appointed, with only one carry-over from past commission, and the Town's Economic Development Director is guiding them for budget and realistic event planning. The fireworks display-cost is being donated. Field improvements, irrigation and turf, had not been in place during past events held at that complex. The THS/Hillcrest complex is the only area with traffic-flow availability. New Commission wants to revive the spirit of Trumbull.

Pickleball Request:

We are awaiting a response concerning our warranty on Tennis Courts overlay, which would be impacted by adding any material to the current overlay.

The consensus was that this would be a good offering for senior citizens and that a non-adhesive striping material would be best if a trial program were approved. Courts were discussed and agreed that rear Unity is least used court, close to Senior Center, more shady.

**MOTION** by Dr. Belows, second by Mrs. Walsh, unanimously passed to allow Pickleball play by availability permit through the Recreation Department on the rear-Unity court with only rubberized in-place material, no adhesive tape.

Aldo Memorial Park Memorial Location:

Superintendent reported that a few additional locations are conceptually being considered.

Little League Press Box and Scoreboard Request:

Mr. Lipinski indicated that he had a communication right prior to the meeting from Little League indicating they are in process of getting prices to do brick facing as required by this Commission. Should have figures by next meeting, which will be bad for timing of the project. Change of direction by the Commission is going to put them in a hold. Next meeting a month away. For the record they indicate they are extremely disappointed with the reversal.

Comments:

Superintendent noted that they can finish building except for facing by having a brick-shelf installed and complete the veneer at a later date.

Dr. Bellows noted there's not much difference between the press boxes at Unity except for the fact that the one press box and the dugouts are brick faced.

Consensus was that a two-phase project would be acceptable in order to keep the more aesthetic brick facade for the press box.

**MOTION** by Dr. Bellows, second by Mrs. Walsh, unanimously passed that the Commission will allow Trumbull Little League to proceed under the guidance of the Parks Superintendent to begin construction of requested Unity #2 press box and score board per plans submitted February 26, 2013 to ultimately have a brick facade completed by fall of 2014.

Field Use Requests:

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Plan of Conservation and Development – Discussion Meeting March 26, 2013, 7:00 p.m.:  
Craft Goals and Strategies received for distribution from Jamie Bratt, P&Z Dir. Of Planning.

Chairman noted suggestions such as possibly moving toward all artificial turf fields with lights be added in the future to double/triple play...community stays the same but we would be responding to additional facilities use requests. He asked Commissioners to forward any suggestions to Mrs. Plouffe to accumulate for him.

Ms. Wang commented that the 5-year school population projections are down somewhat which could be taken into consideration.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Majority of required gates are now installed on the Rail Trail System. Vehicles can only pass through when unsecured.
- Replaced damaged Old Mine Park gate.
- Begun Bill Property clean-up. Lot of debris, felled-trees, portion of barn down.
- Getting ready for spring.
- Noted the Specifications to do the re-build of the Filter House at Beach Pool is out for bid, primarily labor (we have most supplies available). Completion planned by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The old filter house will be disassembled after Labor Day.

**RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Finishing winter sports end of this month.
- Spring brochure in preparation.
- Spring registration, April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Concerts booked except for two adult and one kids concert.
- Completing sticker distribution project. Should be complete early April.
- Field Scheduling Program is very complicated. Needs someone dedicated to it all the time. She doesn't have the staffing. They have field permits in place on program and sticker distribution will be in place; but, she is doing reports and spread sheet for Rangers in-house. Sticker Distribution notice to residents will go out once everything is in place.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe,  
Clerical Adm. Assistant

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