

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
APRIL 8, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission was held at Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)	Kevin Bellows
Richard Moore	Kenneth Martin
Nancy Walsh	

Also: Parks Superintendent Dmitri Paris
Recreation Director Mary Markham

Guests:

Michael Mastroni, 9 Bear Den Rd, Trumbull (Fallen Heroes Event)
Raymond Baldwin, 700 Booth Hill Rd (Fallen Heroes Event)
Linda Ciocci, 72 Shawnee Road, German Shepherd Dog Club of Gr. New Haven, Inc.
John Vaught 28 Peaceable Hill Road, Ridgefield

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comments:

Mike Mastroni speaking on behalf of Fallen Heroes:

The date of event September 28th. Helicopter not an issue, due to sequester. Bridgeport would like them back but they would like to hold the event in Trumbull. Ray Baldwin spoke about the fact that one of the heroes was his friend throughout school, Robert Leska. He died on the day Ray left for Vietnam. His family plans on attending.

Linda Ciocci and John Vaught from the German Sheppard Club:

Spoke on behalf of holding their annual event at Old Mine Park. They said they held it for the last 10 years with no problems. Explained that the dog park wouldn't work because it isn't flat and dogs are allowed off leashes which will not work for a dog show. Linda was impassioned about the fact that she is a taxpayer and would like to enjoy the parks just as much as people that play sports. They are requesting 9/1/ 13 for their annual event, one Saturday in mid- August for a picnic, and 6/7 & 6/8/2014 for a National Event.

MOTION: Mr. Bellows, second by Mrs. Walsh to close guest portion of agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Bellows, second Mr. Martin, unanimously passed to accept minutes of March 11, 2013.

Old Business:

Trumbull Day:

There will be alcohol, passed by BoE at last meeting. Superintendent has discussed fields with Barbara Whetstone and Trista, there are no finalized plans at this time. There will be Fireworks, Carnival rides & Beer tent. Mr. Martin asked if Rangers would be involved and Dmitri said they will not. The police and USA security will handle all security. Mr. Martin asked if teams would be impacted for use of fields. Recreation Director said the most impacted would be the Baseball and Softball programs. Potentially some fields could be closed for up to 2 weeks. Mr. Martin voiced concerns over whether the monies to repair damage would come from the Parks Budget. Superintendent said it would not.

MOTION: Mr. Bellows second Mr. Moore, to allow Fallen Heroes Event on September 28th at Indian Ledge Park as long as there is no helicopter. Unanimously passed.

MOTION: Mrs. Walsh second Mr. Moore to allow German Sheppard club back into Old Mine Park.

Discussion:

Mrs. Walsh felt they do no harm and they have a right to be there. Mr. Martin was opposed saying that they are not all Trumbull residents; and, he didn't feel they should use our parks. Mr. Moore and Dr. Bellows explained that during any game there are many non-residents in our parks and we should not single out dog people.

Motion passed with Mr. Martin opposed without prejudice.

Superintendents' report:

- Everything going full tilt, Bathrooms, fields, tennis courts, etc.
- Little League was informed that bathrooms are being prioritized.
- There was a water main break at Unity, it was repaired today.
- Fields are being released on need basis.
- We are not moving forward with filter house at Beach Pool at this time.
- The last new gate was installed at Madison/Tashua
- While Public Works was cleaning they found granite posts which Superintendent has installed at all of the parks.

Mr. Martin asked Superintendent about rusty runoff at Mischee Brook Park. Mr. Moore said there is a spring there.

Mr. Martin voiced concern about parking lot at Twin Brooks not lined. Superintendent explained that Public Works is responsible for the lining and it is on their schedule.

Superintendent explained that after walking all of the fields on THS property, he found that the Varsity Softball Field is in need of a major repair. A letter should be sent to Director of Athletics Michael Herbst with a copy to Plant Administrator Steve Kennedy to address this concern.

Recreation Director:

- Registration began last Monday for all Spring/Summer Programs. Within the 1st hour of registration, Boys' Basketball was filled.
- We are waiting for the new park Stickers. As soon as they arrive we will send out some publicity regarding how to acquire them.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. by Mr. Moore second Mr. Martin, unanimously passed.

Notes taken by Recreation Director.

Respectfully submitted:

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Clerical Administrative Asst.

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