

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JUNE 10, 2013

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)
Richard Moore
Marie Petitti
Vin Lipinski

Nancy Walsh
Kevin Bellows
Nicholas Bragano

Also Parks Superintendent Dmitri Paris
 Recreation Director Mary Markham

Guests:

Jim Hayden, 93 Pinewood Trail (Tennis Court Permits)
Stu Needleman, 16 Squire Court (Trumbull Pisces Swim Season)
Michael Redgate, 25 Briarcroft Avenue, (Trumbull Pisces Board Member)
Janice Kenney, Saddle Hill Road, Monroe (CT. Yankee Dachund Club)
Deaglan McDade, 262 Church Hill Road (Eagle Project)
Nancy Moore, 2157 Huntington Tpke (Long Hill Green Farmers' Market Master)
Jen Liebowitz, 25 Koger Road (Tr. Eagles Lacrosse)
Scott Lilly, 296 Dayton Road (Youth 11 Lightning Lacrosse)
Ted Chase, 27 Frances Street (Summer Pick-Up Lacrosse)
Martin McCann, 63 Teeter Rock Road (Trumbull Rotary Sunset Run)

Public Comments:

Jim Hayden, Tennis Court Permits:

Expressed complaint with reserving tennis courts at Unity Park. Group is mixed doubles. He plays with a dozen seniors (two top double champs in New England, one, top singles champ). Eight not Trumbull residents. Four are Trumbull residents. Mixed male and female. They reserve from April through September, two courts at Unity Park, Monday and Thursdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Under the 2012 rule they can only reserve the courts for one month at a time, requiring them to return each month to reserve. His request is to allow them to reserve two courts in the morning at Unity Park on two weekdays for the season.

Recreation Director indicated that he could call in on the renewal month to lock in dates and then go in to pick up the permit. Her department receives complaints from other residents wanting to utilize reserved courts; therefore, they went to the one month only in advance permit.

Stu Needleman, Trumbull Pisces Swim Team:

They are coming into the start of their next season. They have a newly elected Board. With him, Michael Redgate, Vice President. They have 92 swimmers. Their assigned schedule by the Superintendent of Schools last season to use Hillcrest Pool was to have been from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This time assignment was not adhered to as the High School Girls team utilized the pool until 5:15/5:30 p.m. This increase in THS time moved reduces Pisces two-hour time and any move forward makes it too late for the last scheduled group. It is very important to adhere to the 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. schedule to facilitate all users. Pisces is looking for the Parks and Recreation Commission to assist with a resolution to this scheduling problem. Pisces is a feeder program to the High School as well as to our life guard team.

Superintendent and Recreation Director indicated that they tried to broker a transition-period scheduling resolution last season which fell through. All users need to cooperate in order to get a two hour swim time for each group. There will soon be a scheduling meeting of all parties; hopefully, the problem will be resolved at that time.

Mr. Needleman indicated that the support from our Recreation Director and Superintendent has been tremendous; however, they now need support to get their two hours of practice time in.

Janice Kenney (CT. Yankee Dachund Club) Here on behalf of Trumbull resident Deborah West, Old Church Hill Road:

Request to use Old Mine Park for dog club Fun Day on August 10, 2013, from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. (event 11:00 to 3:00 p.m.). This is a small breed dog event with 20/30 dachshunds in attendance with their families. They request use of lower pavilion and meadow area. They have agility demonstrations, relay races and picnic. Following last year's request, they looked at the Dog Park which was determined not best for their event as they would not be able to control dogs other than theirs. Old Mine Park is the best location for them. They put up a fencing, will clean up the area and provide an Insurance Certificate for the event. She indicated that they could use the Dog Park location in the future if it could be arranged to have them the only users that day.

Deaglan McDade (Eagle Project):

Deaglan presented his proposed Eagle Project of cleaning up an area in the rails to trails valley, specifically the end of Park Street where an old revolutionary soldier, Nero Hawley, made his bricks. He would like to clean around the remaining structures, erect a fence around the well, the pit, and the kiln and create plaques which will provide information on each. He would also like to cleanup his grave site a Riverside Cemetery. He is a Life Scout from Troop 65 Long Hill United Methodist Church, He began scouting as a Cub Scout with Pack 468 from Middlebrook Elementary. He is a THS freshman; a member of the Golden Eagle Marching band, a member of the Winter Percussion, he is a Police Cadet in Fairfield, came in third place for shooting at an Explorers event, he has 500 community service hours and is very interested in the history of our town. He thinks this project would get people interested in Nero Hawley and his grave site. He plans to begin in July and complete it by September/October with 15 to 20 scouts, band friends and family to help him. He felt it would be approximately 100 hours of work.

Superintendent indicated that he fully supports Deaglan's very worthy project; and, his department will help to supply him with materials. He noted that our DEEP assigned ranger has hoped for improvements to this historic location for some time. Superintendent will review project details with Deaglan.

Nancy Moore, Trumbull Farmers' Market Master:

This is their 18th year at Long Hill Green. They are certified farmers, growing in the state of Connecticut. Vendors all carry \$2,000,000 aggregate of insurance. Town is additional insured. They must be certified every year. They request permission to continue the Trumbull Farmers' Market this season on Thursdays from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. beginning this Thursday, June 13, through October.

Chairman questioned if the plans for future development of Long Hill Green will have an impact on them.

Superintendent that the proposal for that area is currently held-up; but, work on the green will not be detrimental to the Farmers' Market.

Jen Liebowitz, Tr. Eagles Lacrosse:

She is looking for scheduling on a field for their summer practice program, June 17 – July 17. They will have about 15 eighth-grade players with 1998/1999 birth years. There are numerous lacrosse teams over the summer months but participating is very expensive. These players want to continue playing together through the summer because they will be playing together once they get to the high school. With other organizations, fees are in the range of \$1,100 for summer play. They charge \$375. They want to be able to provide play for Trumbull children beyond the season. They need practice space on Mondays to Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Their insurance is with US Lacrosse.

Scott Lilly, Asst. Coach, Youth 11 Lightning Lacrosse:

Started a continue of Travel of Lightning Lacrosse. There are 19 players (11 year old Sixth Graders going into Madison). He is looking to schedule a field for their summer practice program, Mondays and Wednesdays, June 17 – July 17. Their insurance is with US Lacrosse. Fee is \$399 for each player.

Ted Chase, Pick-Up Summer Lacrosse:

This is a continuation of Trumbull Youth Lacrosse. There are 30 girls, sixth through eighth grade; 30 boys, third through fifth grades. All players are members of TYL. Coaches are also TYL. Abide by TYL rules and regulations. Their insurance is with US Lacrosse. Looking to schedule artificial turf field for girls play on Sundays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., boys Tuesdays 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Upon question he responded they pay for lights to the Town and pay close to \$30,000 to Sports Zone for its use, 98% of their funds.

Martin McCann, Trumbull Rotary Sunset Run:

He requested use of Twin Brooks Park, July 26, 2013, to conduct their annual 5K Sunset Run with Kids Fun Run beginning at 6:45 p.m. They come in to set-up around 3:30 clean-up by 9:30 p.m. They expect 500 runners, 125 children for fun run. It is a family fun day with jazz band and food. They charge between \$23 and \$25. Funds utilized for community projects and scholarships. They have EMS and Rangers on site.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second by Mr. Bragano, unanimously passed to close the guest portion of the agenda.

MOTION BY Mr. Bragano, second by Mrs. Walsh, unanimously passed to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting as distributed.

Old Business:

Chairman questioned if the Trumbull Day Commission is taking repair to facilities into consideration as they plan their event. Superintendent indicated they are aware of our concerns and have been cooperating with any advice he has given as to placement to avoid damage to the field facilities.

Facilities Requests:

Tennis Permit Change Request:

Recreation Director said her department does get calls from residents complaining about long-term scheduling of courts to one group; and, the one-month permit has responded to this problem. For a group to call once a month to schedule is reasonable.

MOTION by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Lipinski, unanimously passed to continue the current tennis court scheduling policy of a one-month group request permit.

Pisces Request - Two-Hour Scheduling of Hillcrest Pool from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Bragano, second by Mr. Lipinski, unanimously passed that a letter will be drafted to the Superintendent of Schools to respectfully request favorable consideration to encourage a reasonable compromise with the THS Swim Team to allow scheduling of the Pisces Swim Team to continue their long-term Hillcrest Pool time for a two-hour period of 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

CT. Yankee Dachund Club Use of Old Mine Park:

Discussion:

Precedent set with April 8, 2013 approval of the German Sheppard Club use.

Commission would prefer use of Dog Park for dog shows.

Use is similar to a picnic request (residents bring leashed dogs with them).

Trumbull resident must obtain the permit.

MOTION by Mrs. Walsh, second by Mrs. Petitti, passed with five in favor (Mr. Bragano abstaining, Mr. Lipinski strongly opposed) to allow the CT. Yankee Dachund Club Use of Old Mine Park for dog club Fun Day on August 10, 2013, from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. (event 11:00 to 3:00 p.m.) with permit through the Recreation Dept.

Deaglan McDade (Eagle Project):

MOTION by Mr. Lipinski, second by Mr. Moore, unanimously passed to approve Deaglan McDade's Eagle Project of cleaning up an area in the rails to trails valley, specifically the end of Park Street where an old revolutionary soldier, Nero Hawley, made his bricks, erect a fence around the well, the pit, and the kiln and create plaques which will provide information on each as well as cleanup the Nero Hawley grave site at Riverside Cemetery with oversight by the Parks Superintendent and Parks Ranger.

MOTION by Mr. Lipinski, second by Dr. Bellows, 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 13, 2013 through the end of October.

Tr. Eagles Lacrosse:

MOTION by Mr. Lipinski, second by Mr. Bragano, unanimously passed to approve field scheduling in compliance with the rules of the Facilities Use Policy for Trumbull Eagles Lacrosse summer practice program, Mondays to Thursdays, June 17 through July 17, 2013, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Youth 11 Lightning Lacrosse:

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Pick-Up Summer Lacrosse:

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Rotary Club Sunset Run:

MOTION by Mr. Moore, second by Mrs. Walsh, unanimously passed approving Rotary Club requesting use of Twin Brook Park, July 26, 2013, to conduct their annual 5K Sunset Run with Kids Fun Run beginning at 6:45 p.m. with set-up beginning 3:30 p.m. and clean-up by 9:30 p.m. with oversight by the Park Superintendent and Park Rangers.

New Business:

A letter from Mark Schroeder, 1549 Huntington Tpke, Trumbull requesting consideration to opening up appropriate parks and open space to controlled Bow Hunting to reduce the deer population in Trumbull.

MOTION by Mr. Bragano, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed to DENY the request to open up parks to controlled Bow Hunting to reduce deer population.

Superintendent's Report:

- Beach Pool in full operation.
- Tashua Pool in preparation for opening end of June.
- Shade structures at Tashua torn apart from storm and new structures now in place.
- Tashua and Island Brook Parks basketball courts were condemned because of huge cracks from weather conditions and will not be in play this season. Rims will be removed. We have gone to bid to repair. We will be utilizing a new post-tension concrete which is very dense with a 20 year life span.

Recreation Director's Report:

- Trumbull Vehicle Park Stickers are now available for pick-up by Trumbull residents at the Recreation Office. Current motor vehicle registration must be presented in order to obtain a sticker. All other stickers are no longer valid. Vehicle owners without the 2013 sticker are subject to receiving a \$25 fine.
- Director reported they have already distributed many, many stickers.
- Park Superintendent stated that because of the cost to provide and distribute stickers, we must consider a fee to off-set this cost in the future. He and the Recreation Director will review the program and make their recommendations prior to next season.
- All Recreation Summer Programs start in the next few weeks. We are getting staff in place.
- Basketball Camp is in full swing.

MOTION at 9:20 p.m. to adjourn by Mr. Bragano, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe
Clerical Adm. Asst.

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