

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 12, 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)
Nancy Walsh
Vin Lipinski
Lee DeFusco

Nick Bragano
Kevin Bellows
Richard Moore

Also,
Park Superintendent Dmitri Paris
Recreation Director Mary Markham

Guests:

Lori Lewis, 23 Columbine Drive, Tr. United Soccer
Virginia Imri, 32 Ridgeview Avenue, Great Pumpkin Classic
Jim Fracker, 50 Harborside Drive, Milford, AYSO
Bryon Campbell, 49 Woodlawn Drive, AYSO
Joseph Laucella, 91 Willoughby Road, Shelton, Trumbull EMS Chief

Lori Lewis, Tr. United Soccer:

Requested field scheduling for the fall season. Old Mine, Indian Ledge #3 and #4 (lower level), turf field Mondays through Fridays, 3:00 p.m. to dark. Games on Saturdays following AYSO (noon to 10:00 p.m.). They pay for lights. Top Soccer is same as last year, beginning first weekend in September to November 10th at Kaechele on Saturdays, following AYSO until dusk (about 80 youth, 60/80 volunteers).

Virginia Imri, Great Pumpkin Classic:

Event is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th from 7 a.m. to 12 noon at Trumbull High School campus and Hillcrest parking lots. They have 600 entrants, 300 children for fun run (about 1500/1700 participants). She mentioned that last year they had a conflict with scheduled baseball at the same time creating a lot of traffic. They charge \$28 day of race (\$22/\$25 by mail or on-line ahead of race), \$8.50 for children, \$10 day of race. The funds go to high school scholarships and co-sponsor with the THS Scholarship Foundation, Trumbull Chamber of Commerce, Trumbull Community Women (two mile Health Walk) and the PTA. Last year each split \$6,400, less than in the past. They have lost Mohegan Sun, a large sponsor, because they are doing their own race now. Kids fun is conducted on the High School track. Two Mile Health Walk starts at the Agri-Science Center, over Daniels Farm Road and winds through residential streets before crossing back over Daniels Farm Road. 5k Race is run along Daniels Farm, Strobel roads and surrounding residential roads. They end with food and awards in the cafeteria. They arrange for four police officers and Explorers for traffic control and EMS is on site.

Jim Fracker and Bryon Campbell, AYSO:

Presented their Fall Field Use Request including games, schedule, budget/P&L, Volunteer Members, Certificate of Liability Insurance, 501©(3) status and Background Check Policy. Kaechele Complex (games on Saturdays), Indian Ledge Turf (older teams) and THS JV field or freshman field (...most at Kaechele Complex). Requesting the same number of fields as last year. They request practice space behind hillcrest weekdays from 5:30 p.m. to dusk. Spring season worked well with Trumbull United. They give out scholarships for uniforms, etc to about 60 youth. They require volunteers to take Safe Haven and Concession courses. Insurance gives them credit for the courses. Fall more a problem with parking because Pop Warner is played at that season. They stagger games to ease the traffic problems. New Ice Cream vendor takes one parking space.

Upon question, they give medals or trophies to all players at end of season. Mr. Fracker is current point-man for AYSO, Mr. Campbell will be Regional Commissioner next year.

Joe Laucella, Trumbull EMS:

Introduced himself as new Chief; his new assignment began four and a half months ago. He offered EMS help an assistance especially in relation to large, other than normal, events on fields. He said a quick call to let them know what's going on allows them to have staff available. Many times groups bring in an EMT who may not be qualified. Trumbull EMS is the local provider. Upon question as to whether the EMS Van can leave one event at a location for an accident on another field at the same location. He said yes, they would not abandon their assigned location but send one EMT to assist and call for an additional ambulance for transit.

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

MOTION by Mr. DeFusco, second by Mrs. Walsh, and passed to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2013 minutes as distributed. (Mr. Lipinski abstained as he wasn't in attendance at the July 8th meeting.)

It was noted that several field users on the Agenda were not in attendance (Christian Heritage and Tr. Youth Lacrosse) and two others need to present their requests, Pop Warner League and St. Joseph High School. We will request they attend the September meeting to present their requests to meet field scheduling requirement.

Discussion:

- Consensus was that there should absolutely be a presence at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting by league representative to request field scheduling. Season requests are necessary for communication with leagues...bringing Commission current with any changes in officials or anticipated planning.
- Superintendent suggested considering attendance once by field users for full-year request of facilities as some leagues repeat over and over their same requests; however, Commission felt there are, in fact, changes which should be brought to the Commission from one season to another.
- Issues that need to be resolved come to the Commission; once sanctioned, Superintendent and Recreation Director schedule.

Field Assignments:

Mr. Lipinski noted that Commissioners were assigned sub-committees to report on our parks system facilities and he was assigned the THS/Hillcrest complex and would have appreciated being called to the Sr. City League field meeting on the June 19th. Chairman noted that the High School/Hillcrest Complex Field Committee working with the Contractor is the THS Athletic Director, Commission Chairman, Superintendent and Recreation Director. The Sub-Committees are for a general perusal of conditions and reporting to the full Commission.

Requests:

MOTION by Mrs. Walsh, second by Mr. Moore, unanimously passed to approve Trumbull United Soccer's request for field scheduling, subject to field availability and Field Use Policy requirements being met.

MOTION by Mr. Lipinski, second by Mr. Bragano, unanimously passed to approve Great Pumpkin Classic, October 20, 2013 from 7:00 to Noon on the THS/Hillcrest Campus and parking lots.

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MOTION by Mr. Bragano, second by Dr. Bellows, passed approving the Fiscal 2012/2013 Annual Report of the Parks and Recreation Commission for submission to the First Selectman. (Mr. Lipinski abstained as he had not as yet read the draft report.)

New Business:

We have had a request from the Nature Commission to be on a Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda. Nature Commission Chairman indicated that a power-point presentation should only take about 5-10 minutes. They will be placed on the September Agenda.

Superintendent's Report:

- Herbicide applications have been applied at Twin Brooks Meadow. Crew will be tilling in late September.
- Discovered that one 30" inlet line leading from the roadway to the meadow pond had been blocked with plywood and rocks which has been repaired and water is now flowing freely into that pond.
- Cleared brush and bramble along the sewer line easement.
- Beach Park Skating Pond at Hedgehog entrance is being dredged with new spillway. Will re-create the two foot deep skating pond.
- Basketball courts nearly complete with new post-tension concrete.
- It was brought to our attention by the T-Dog organization that a 10'x3' plastic pipe that was in the Dog Park was missing. The Superintendent determined that the pipe was relocated to the stock pile of the same pipe at the top of Indian Ledge as it was thought to have come from there. We have indicated that we will return the pipe once a receipt of record is submitted.
- Superintendent noted that the maintenance condition of the Dog Park is in decline. Commissioners will individually view the site and discuss at the September meeting.
- Upon question, tree for Commissioner Chmielewski and his wife Norma will be planted in the fall at Twin Brooks Park.
- There were significant repairs on THS Girls Varsity Softball field which were long over-due.

Recreation Director's Report:

Summer camps ending the end of this week.

Pools close Labor Day at 6:00 p.m.

July was a very hot month which results in more closures.

MOTION to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. by Mrs. Walsh, second Mr. DeFusco, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe
Clerical Administrative Asst.

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