

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**NOVEMBER 18, 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  
Kenneth Martin

Kevin Bellows  
Nancy Walsh  
Nicholas Bragano

Also,  
Mary Markham, Recreation Director

Student observers were present.

**MOTION** by Dr. Bellows, second by Mrs. Walsh, unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting with two corrections:

Commissioners: Correct typo in Commissioner Bragano's name to read Nicholas; and  
Guests: Correct Gene Cellini's affiliation as President of **Pop Warner League**.

Old Business:

Commissioner Moore noted that Twin Brooks meadow area is all tilled and re-seeded. In the past, the Superintendent noted that the entire area was to be renovated to remove invasive species taking over the meadow and hill.

Recreation Director's Report:

Basketball is in full swing and 'busting at the seams'. The Recreation League comprises "no-cut" youth from Kindergarten to Sr. High School, plus a Travel League which does have cuts with school coaches running the program. Travel players do not play on the Recreation Teams.

Upon question, the Director said the Pisces Swim Program has worked out their swim-time scheduling in conjunction with the THS schedule.

New Business:

Upon question Recreation Director said the Departments have not as yet received Budget Proposal notices. She and the Superintendent will prepare a cost review of the Sticker Program for the Commission to facilitate budget proposal decisions in this regard.

Chairman noted that the TDOG President has indicated she will attend the December meeting with documents required by the Facilities Use Policy.

The Town Attorney has indicated that he will be available to meet with the Commission at a meeting in January.

Commissioner Kenneth Martin, newly elected member of the Trumbull Town Council representing District 2, noted this is his last meeting as a Parks and Recreation Commission member noting he enjoyed meeting and working with the Commissioners concerning matters of the parks system. He stated on behalf of the Historical Society that the grounds of Abraham Nichols Parks are in beautiful condition noting that this park is very important to the parks system and the history of Trumbull with its museum, orchard, barns and community gardens. The historic barn received from Unity Hill United Church on White Plains Road is soon to

be reassembled at the east bank of the parking area and the Historical Society has a grant to rehabilitate the greenhouse.

He went on to report that the Historical Society hosted 300 visitors the Sunday before Halloween to view 150 jack-of-lanterns lit on the grounds and in the fields. The Society's Valley Tour this fall hosted 70 visitors on the Rail Trail. An historic Ox Yoke and hardware at least 100 years old was found along the trail buried in the leaves. In the past they found an axel from the historic Train Wreck. There is a grinding stone in the river bed which is hoped to someday be dragged out for display. He reiterated that with all their many events the Parks Department has been very helpful.

Chairman Ferrigno thanked him for his time as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner and wished him good success as a Councilman.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. Bellows, second Mr. Moore, and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe  
Clerical Administrative Asst.

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