

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
APRIL 14, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission was convened at Town Hall at 7:20 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)
Nancy Walsh
Richard Moore

Kevin Bellows
Nicholas Bragano

Also,
Dmitri Paris, Parks Superintendent
Mary Markham, Recreation Director

MOTION by Mr. Bragano, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed to close Public Comments portion of the Agenda as there were no guests present.

MOTION by Mrs. Walsh, second by Mr. Bragano, unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting with the following computer-wrap correction:

Page 5, under Sub-Committees Assignments listing:

Mr. Lipinski is assigned to THS/Hillcrest Fields rather than Robert G. Beach Memorial Park.

Old Business:

Recreation Director will provide Spread Sheet on Field Use Approvals.

Park Stickers:

In time for the spring recreational season the 2014 Trumbull Vehicle Sticker Policy was announced including the implementation of the \$5 Parking Sticker Fee. To respond to some expressed concerns in this regard, a statement including the decision that a fortified resident parking sticker program would be the most effective remedy to resolve increasing problems within the parks system including lack of sufficient parking at peak times, unauthorized sports groups coming to our fields, courts, playgrounds and sprinkler lots. Our attempts to increase the budget on several occasions to cover the cost of these stickers was unsuccessful. The established parking fee is designed to strictly cover the cost of the sticker itself and its distribution. Rules governing parking have not changed. Parking is for Trumbull residents only; however, parking for approved sporting events, permitted picnics and the golf course lot is exempt. New 2014 Stickers are required by Memorial Day.

Committee Reports:

Madison Kaechele fields (Mr. Bragano)

Look good.

Indian Ledge (Mr. Bragano)

Electrical Box at base of hill needs a panel on it. (Superintendent to have a panel installed.)

Twin Brooks (Mr. Moore)

Looks good.

Tidy-Up- Day volunteers picked up 60 bags of trash.

Needs parking-lines painted (This is a Highway Dept assignment.)

Unity Opening Day (Dr. Bellows)

Opening Day good. Gate at Ranger Station was locked day after opening, which was an oversight.

Plants have been removed from roadway-edge sign leading out from Ranger Station.

Superintendent's Report:

- All Restrooms prepared to open except Indian Ledge upper level which needs approximately \$4,000 in replacement parts.
- Beach Pool Sprinkler Lot needs replacement parts which are now obsolete. He is exploring a means to have the needed connectors (stainless v-band clamps) created.
- Tashua Pool Slide about to be installed.
- A new electrical line being installed at Tashua Pool from the concession stand to the pumps.
- Fields open April 15.
- Upon question by the Recreation Director, Superintendent prefers Porta Potties at the Youth Center rather than unlocking inside lavatory for Indian Ledge artificial turf players.
- Installation of the Historic Bank Barn at Abraham Nichols Park has progressed with foundation in, three walls clad in stone, slat siding, first floor post and beam structure up, it will have power and gas hot air heat (line from the greenhouse), second floor cathedral ceiling with wall space. The historic barn originally sat against a bank on White Plains Road property and has been re-installed against a bank of the same size to the back of the parking lot at Abraham Nichols Park...hence the name "Bank Barn".

Superintendent requested the Commission consider authorizing funds from the Park Land Trust fund toward the completion of this project.

Chairman explained the 1983 Route 25 construction parkland-exchange of two houses received from the state. The proceeds of the sales to be used for park capital improvements. There remains a balance in the fund that could be utilized for the completion of the project.

Commissioner Bragano suggested perhaps any available fund balance be given to the sports groups.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second by Mrs. Walsh, and passed 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Mr. Bragano), to authorize the Park Superintendent to utilize the balance of the Park Trust Fund toward completion of the historic bank-barn at Abraham Nichols Park as it represents Trumbull History 100/150 years ago and is an amenity we can be proud of.

Recreation Director's Report:

- Midway with spring program sign-ups.
- Began sticker distribution April 8th.
- In process of scheduling fields.
- Very busy time of year.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Bragano, second by Mrs. Walsh, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe
Clerical Administrative Assistant

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