

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 8, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission was convened at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)
Kevin Bellows
Kenneth Martin

Vincent Lipinski
Richard Moore
Brian LeClerc

MOTION by Mr. Lipinski, second by Brian LeClerc and passed (Mr. Lipinski abstained) to accept the Minutes of the July 11, 2016, as distributed.

No Correspondence.

Old Business:

Parks and Recreation Director submitted a written report in his absence which was reviewed and accepted.

- Wrapping-up final week of Summer Programs.
- Instituted employee evaluations for summer staff.
- Developing Program Participation feedback.
- New Recreation Program Manager, Dan Gagne, begins work on August 10, 2016.
- New Chief Park Ranger, Steve Chapman, has environmental and police background, begins work on September 6, 2016.
- State of CT is working on the extension of the Rails to Trails from Vietnam Memorial to Quarry Road.
- Dealing with ongoing trash issue at Quarry Road. Cleanup crews out at least twice a week. Will continue to monitor.
- Rotary 5K Run was held without problems.
- In addition to regular maintenance, Parks Crew doing extensive tree work removing dead and/or fallen trees.
- Renovations to Unity #2 and Unity Babe Ruth are underway.
- Pools functioning well. Closure at a minimum. Tashua Kiddie pool issues resolved.
- Had some mechanical issues with the sprinkler parks; but, have been able to keep them operating with brief interruptions.
- Staff is working on preparation for the Fall Festival, Sept. 9-10, at Trumbull High School.

Indian Ledge Playground Equipment

Bids reviewed, original installation company selected who also installed Twin Brooks playground. Current equipment at Indian Ledge lasted 27 years. We will assist with demolition and site work to keep costs down. There are some drainage issues at this site.

Indian Ledge Dog Park

- Aluminum guard rail installed.
- Cleaned up hillside.
- Dead trees removed; will re-establish with new trees.
- Hydroseeded the bank.
- Repavement once completed.
- Pavilion provides needed shade.

Park Assignments

Unity Babe Ruth Field: Dr. Bellows noted that baseball field looks real good.

Miscee Brook Park: Mr. Martin discussed with the Commission the current condition of Mischee Brook Park which is an undeveloped open space park.

- The park is currently impassable between its two main roadways.
- Sewer construction through the park resulted in clear-cut 80 foot wide path, channeled wetland with high banks and back-filled trees which are dying.
- This connecting trail/path is now overgrown with very high vegetation and sapling trees.
- A footbridge over the wetland area was discussed in the past and this should possibly be reconsidered.
- Could qualify for an Eagle Scout project or Departmental winter projects to clean up the area.
- An identifying park sign should be installed.

Little League Press Box Project has not begun.

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Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe
Clerical Adm. Asst.

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