

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 14, 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
Richard Moore	Lee DeFusco
Nancy Walsh	Brian LeClerc
Kenneth Martin	

Also, Stuart McCarthy, Director of Parks and Recreation

Guest, Dawn Cantafio, Dist. 1 Town Council Representative

Public Comments:

Rep. Cantafio indicated she is observing not participating in the meeting.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second by Mr. Moore, unanimously passed to close the meeting to Public Comments.

MOTION by Mrs. Walsh, second by Dr. Bellows, and passed (Mr. Martin abstained) to accept the Minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting as distributed.

Correspondence:

From: Cooper Surgical, 75 Corporate Drive, Trumbull: Requesting employees access to Old Mine Park without having to pay the out-of-residence parking fee since they are 40 hour or more per week employees.

Discussion:

- Trumbull residents enjoy a vehicle parking sticker. Non-residents are able to gain access to our parks system with their vehicles by obtaining a vehicle parking sticker for \$112 or are able to walk into our parks to enjoy park facilities.
- Cooper Surgical in contiguous with Old Mine Park property line on Corporate Drive, there is an access maintenance roadway close to their location leading to the Park's woodland trails which could give employees a walk path access to the parks facilities.
- Lunch-time corporate breakers are not ticketed on the lunch hour, typically Old Mine and Twin Brooks parks.
- There are open parking locations on Whitney Avenue, Tait Road, Route 25 Commuter Lot on Park Street which give access to the Rail Trail.
- This Commission has maintained its Residents Only Ordinance under its Facilities Use Policy.
- We have multiple businesses in town and would not make an exception for one.

Director McCarthy will share this information with the Cooper Surgical representatives noting the ways their employees can access Old Mine Park.

Economic and Community Development Training Session Invitation to Board and Commission Members November 17th (5:00 - 7:30 pm), Chop House (Marisa's) from Rina Bakalar, Director Economic and Community Development. Mr. Martin will attend.

Old Business:

- Interviewing for Office Manager this week.
- Halloween Event – Went well, rainy weather.
- Replaced the sign at Great Oaks Park.
- Two encroachments at parks:
 - Old Dyke Road is more significant and referred to the Town Attorneys;
 - Hedgehog Road encroachment resolved - Property-line stakes installed, Director directly spoke with the property owner who moved the vans that were parked there. Resident requested permission to mow that area to keep it neat. Department may plant strategically placed trees to restrict access at that point.
- Mallett Trust Awards received: Gazebo Concerts, \$5,000; Teen Center \$1,000; and, TYA received \$1,000.
- Budget – Beginning preparation of Fiscal 2017-2018 request.
- Will have a Financial Report for next meeting.
- Golf Course Budget – working with Golf Course Commission and Staff on building their budget, long-term projections, debt progression. Usage down a little; consistent with the area. Golf market competitive right now; more T-Times than they can fill. There are less players; sport hard, expensive, takes a lot of time.
- Indian Ledge Playground Project – Contracts outs with delivery and installation early spring.
- Sprinkler Park – Pressure problem repairs made, it's operational, re-installing now.
- Barn at Nichols Park – Made great progress there, it looks great, closing it up for the winter.
- Assisting with leaf collection. Demand for our department right now lower than past; staff working on our own projects.
- Water is shut down in all parks.
- Recreation Programs in full swing, several basketball programs sold out; Gym programs scattered throughout town (tracking programs to determine attendance).
- Department sponsoring and working with a local resident for a Track Event at T.H.S. (jogging/walking...get out and be healthy), Friday following Thanksgiving in the morning.
- Tear in T.H.S. Track material – Met with vendor of the artificial fields who sub-contracted that work for the track and the installer is coming back...defect in approximately a 40 foot section thought to be a problem with the binder used for the track not holding up well.

- Parking Lot at Indian Ledge above dog park...Paving is included in the Capitol Plan which is going to the Finance Board on Thursday evening, November 17, 2016 in the Council Chambers. Our priorities are drainage and parking lot improvements at Indian Ledge, Twin Brooks and Unity, in that order. Both Twin Brooks and Unity have drainage concerns.
- Artificial turf replacement is requested for Indian Ledge. It is 13/14 years old; must be replaced as it will become unusable. Had an 8 year warranty, 12 year life expectancy. This generation of turf fields are all being replaced; Trumbull High School just completed; other area locations just replaced are Westport, New Canaan, Wilton and Monroe.

Mr. Martin questioned:

- Building at base of Church Hill/Daniels Farm Road grant for Meet & Greet for Rail Trail. No Update. (Ms. Cantafio noted that this year's Grant was awarded to the Kennedy Center. There could be additional funding for consideration at the end of the year.)
- Any Schedule for work at Mischee Brook – Sign. Completely overgrown trail path between Huntington Tpke & Booth Hill Road.
 - Mr. Moore commented that his Grandfather granted that park in order for it to be undeveloped open space. Boy Scouts put trails in; but they're now gone. Saplings growing, in years to come less underbrush.
 - Mr. Martin commented that a Sewer trunk line went through the park without Park Commission approval and now it doesn't look very good and it should be restored.

Trumbull Land Trust Properties:

Chairman Ferrigno noted that both he and Superintendent Paris were presented with award plaques for their service by Kenneth Halaby. The Trumbull Land Trust has deeded significant acreage to the Town adding these to our inventory of open space properties.

Whitney Avenue Rail Trail Parking Area:

Mrs. Walsh noted that egress from the Rail Trail Parking Area at Whitney Avenue is treacherous...sight lines, steep incline and turns. Director said maintenance of the parking lot is with the Highway Department.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. by Dr. Bellows, second Mr. Martin, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe
Clerical Adm. Asst.

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