

PARK COMMISSION  
MARCH 9, 2009

The regular monthly meeting was held at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall with the following in attendance:

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)  
Joseph DeSabia  
Anthony Chmielewski

Kevin Bellows  
Louann Riccio

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

Guests:

Mark Ronnow, 20 Doe Hollow Drive (Daniels Farm Fathers' Club)  
Joseph Hopper, Troop 67 (Eagle Scout Project)  
Christina Pereiro, 11 Arrow Head Road (Trumbull Youth Lacrosse)  
Mary Beth Wooten-Higgins, 6481 Main Street (Trap Falls Kennel Club)  
Tony Pappantoniou, Westchester, N.Y. (Housatonic Comm. College  
Aquatic Biology Project)  
Fred Avery, 80 Skating Pond, (American Legion Post 141 League)  
Anthony Vinci 40 Longmeadow (American Legion Post 141 League)  
Angelo Magliocco, 4425 Madison Avenue (Sjpnal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)  
Walk-and-Roll-a-Thon)  
Monica Leggett, 50 Mohegan Road, Huntington (Tidy Up Trumbull)

Public Comments

Mark Ronnow for Daniels Farm PTA Fathers' Club:

Once again requesting use of Old Mine Park, this year June 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. through Saturday Noon June 13<sup>th</sup> to host an over-night campout for parents and children. They anticipate 40-80 total parents and children. All children accompanied by a parent. Ratio 1 adult per 3/4 campers. Equipped with cell phones and prepared to evacuate for inclement weather. Sleep in tents...bring their own gear. No rain date.

Joseph Hopper, Troop 67, Eagle Project Request:

He is a Life Scout looking to conduct an Eagle Scout Project along the Rail Trail. His project will be to install four benches donated by the Trumbull Rotary Club along the trail as "mile markers". He will begin from the Old Mine Park entrance to the trail toward Helen Plumb Building. The benches will have plates noting the Rotary Club donation. He met with the Superintendent who will provide oversight to the project.

Christina Pereiro, Trumbull Youth Lacrosse:

They are hosting their annual picnic at Unity Park on Sunday, June 21, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For the second year, they are requesting permission to rent and provide a rock climbing wall for the event. The wall is a 24' portable climbing wall and accommodates up to 4 climbers at one time. Climbers are fitted with a harness and each climbing surface can be adjusted for different levels of challenge from beginner to advanced. They will provide the appropriate insurance certificate for \$1,000,000 naming both Trumbull Youth Lacrosse and the Town of Trumbull as additionally insured.

Mary Beth Wooten-Higgins, Trap Falls Kennel Club:

Requesting permission to conduct their annual Dog Ownership Day at Old Mine Park, September 12, 2009. They have reserved the date with the Recreation Department. They had 40/50 in-show dogs last year. Club provides insurance. They will provide porta johns on site and they will have one food vending truck at the parking lot. People come and go all day long.

Tony Pappantniou, PhD, Instructor of Biology, Housatonic Community College:

Requesting permission to conduct a student group of 3/5 project along the Pequonnock River from Bridgeport to through Trumbull. They will use minnow traps or beach nets to collect specimens to identify species of fish. Once completed, they will share their information with our Rangers. They will be there several weeks starting the end of May...6/8 trips with stops at Old Mine Park, Parlor Rock, Twin Brooks, and Unity. He has a State DEP Scientific Collector Permit and will check with the college on their insurance certificate. He conducted a similar project in the Bronx of a river which claimed 12 species and actually identified 46 species. It was agreed that a guest pass would be provided by Recreation. Commissioners expressed their interest and enthusiasm in the project.

Fred Avery and Anthony Vinci, American Legion Post 141:

Explained that they have partnered with Little League to provide a travel team for ages 9-12 players. Trying to keep these players in Trumbull, rather than having them go to other towns to be involved in more competition beyond local Little League. They will require use of a regulation size baseball field for two teams and a little league/softball size field for three teams beginning mid-April . Joe Forrin from Little League will head up the program. In order to do this, they will require use of a field to accommodate some weekday field practice...games are played "away" on weekend. They also requested use of fields for fall ball September to end of October. They clarified that they would use portable mounds to alter base-paths.

Chairman mentioned that beside scheduling problems, one of the biggest problems we face is the need for trash pick-up and controls for all users and requested they address with the American Legion League as well as with Little League.

Angelo Magliocco, 4425 Madison Avenue (Spinal Muscular Atrophy) (SMA)

Walk-and-Roll-a-Thon:

Requesting use of Old Mine Park and Rail Trail (one mile) for a SMA fundraiser day, May 31 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Their walkers and motorized-type chair patients join to walk or just picnic. They expect to have 50/100 participants. Registration is \$10 for all adult walkers; they also have pledge/sponsor forms for walkers to collect donations to the fund. They walk for about 1 hour and then picnic. They make donations to worthy causes and hope to be able to provide a Boundless Playground equipment for one of our park areas. Rail Trail from Old Mine suggested as good, because good surface for about ½ mile in and then ½ mile out. Availability of the date needs to be checked.

Monica Leggett, Trumbull Community Women:

They are planning their 8<sup>th</sup> annual Tidy Up Trumbull week in April (April 20-25) to coincide with Earth Day. She is working with the Superintendent on pick-up locations. They request use of the Twin Brooks Park Pavilion the afternoon of Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for their thank you party for volunteers. They have developed some added interest from the Trumbull Center Lions Club and the Explorers as well as the THS Key Club and the Sophomore Ring Dance Committee has made a discount ticket offer to those who help clean-up. She suggested that a fence should be installed along the parking lot woods side of THS to prevent the huge amounts of litter blowing into the brush and woods. (It was noted this is BOE property.)

**MOTION** by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed to close public comments session.

**MOTION** by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 meeting as distributed.

Correspondence:

From: Paul Bailo, Boy Scout Pack 261: Request to hold their Annual Pack Fishing Derby at Kaatz Pond (Veteran's Hall) on May 16, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. They also request the Park Ranger to visit the scouts that morning.

Scout Scott Shafer, Troop 67, Nichols United Methodist Church looking for an Eagle Scout project to perform in 2009 within the park system. We will refer him to the Park Superintendent or Park Ranger to determine a project.

Actions on Requests:

**CONSENSUS** of approval for Boy Scout Pack 261 to hold their Annual pack Fishing Derby at Kaatz Pond once date is cleared with the Veterans' Organizations and scheduling through the Recreation Department.

American Legion Post 141 League request for new travel league field scheduling:

It was generally felt that this Commission must address scheduling of current core programs before a new league expansion into the park system; however, taking into consideration that they will practice immediately after school hours when a field could be made available, the Commission scheduled time for the new league as follows:

**MOTION** by Mrs. Riccio, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed that scheduling of the newly formed American Legion Post 141/Little League travel team will be granted for play at the Long Hill Administration field immediately following school hours to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Riccio, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed that use of Unity 4 will continue to be scheduled as a Girls Softball field.

**MOTION** by Dr. Bellows, second by Mrs. Riccio, unanimously passed that the **following requests be approved:**

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Someone is building a structure at Mischa Brook Park.  
**MOTION** by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Mr. DeSabia, unanimously passed to authorize the Superintendent to investigate as to who is responsible and issue a legal notice to Cease and Desist, Remove and Restore the property to its original condition immediately.
- Continuing with snow removal.
- Gearing up for spring-season work.
- The Board of Education field maintenance bid is being prepared and will go out soon. Because of the very costly and specific products which are required for use on school grounds, all bags of application products will be counted and empty bags required to remain on site for recount.
- Bid specifications are out for four Island Brook Park backstops, straight-up, 12'.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. by Dr. Bellows, second by Mr. Chmielewski, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted:

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