

PARK COMMISSION

JUNE 8, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Park Commission was held at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding) Kevin Bellows

Guests:

Martin Shapiro, Trumbull Rotary Club

Paula Passaro, 47 Quail Trail, Donna Festa Softball Tournament Fundraiser

Mike Mastroni, 9 Bear Den Road, Fallen Heroes Event

As there was not a quorum, the Chairman indicated that guest requests would be heard and actions ratified at our next regular meeting.

Martin Shapiro, 36 Dogwood Lane, on behalf of Trumbull Rotary Club:

Rotary is requesting permission to host their Annual 3.1 Miles/5K Race on July 17, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to dusk. Police and EMS will be available. They expect 150/170 runners, with a Kids Race around the soccer field prior to the adult race. Kids, \$15; Adults \$20/\$25 (prior registration and day-of registration). 80% of proceeds are utilized for local scholarships and 20% for national Rotary scholarships. Rotary will provide required Insurance Certificate covering the run that date.

Consensus of approval.

Paula Passero, 47 Quail Trail, on behalf of the Donna Festa Softball Tournament Fundraiser:

Requested permission to host the Second Annual Fundraiser in memory of Donna Festa beginning Friday evening, September 4th, at Indian Ledge Field with two games and on September 5th at Unity #2,#3,#4, and #5 all day for girls softball. They request no changes to the mounds or fields except for the grass to be cut. They will pick-up all trash and provide a dumpster in the parking lot at the end of Unity #4, near Unity #2. They will provide paper supplies for the lavatories as well as hand soap. Lavatories will be cleaned and re-stocked. They have cleared their event with Trumbull Little League. Funds raised will be dedicated for Little League Girls Softball equipment (facemasks, helmets, etc.) If Little League declines to operate the concession stands, they will contract for food vending. Use of the lower level picnic area is requested.

Chairman explained that as a formality and policy of the Park Commission, all non-Town sponsored organized use of athletics facilities must be sponsored by a Town of Trumbull endorsed and recognized organization; therefore, Trumbull Little League will be the sponsoring organization in this instance rather than a private group and that the appropriate Insurance Certificate and permit requirements would be required.

Ms. Passero indicated that they will have Little League make the formal request and that insurance is provided through the Pony League for each team in the Tournament.

Mike Mastroni, 9 Bear Den Road, Fallen Heroes Event:

Mike reviewed their final plans for this coming Saturday, June 13th. They expect 600 to be in attendance.

12:30 P.M. - **102nd Army Band**, patriotic music.

1:00 P.M. - **John Ratzenberger** welcome

The Rev. Canon Peter A.R. Stebinger opens with a prayer.

1:05 P.M. – **Amada Kaletsky**, The National Anthem.

1:10 P.M. – **Trumbull’s First Selectman Ray Baldwin**.

1:13 P.M. – **First Selectman Ray Baldwin** speaks and announces the names of our “living heroes” the Vietnam Veterans. (Gifts are waiting as the three come up)

1:20 P.M. – He’ll then announce the names of the Gold Star families in attendance that day.

1:25 P.M. – 1st speaker: **State of Connecticut Comptroller Mrs. Nancy Wyman**
Marine Cpl. Stephen Bixler.

1:30 P.M. – 2nd speaker: **Sikorsky VP Quality Assurance Mr. George Klug**
Army 1st LT Thomas Brown.

1:35 P.M. – 3rd speaker: **Attorney General Richard Blumenthal**
Marine Sgt. David Coullard.

1:40 P.M. – 4th speaker: **Former “Speaker of the House” James Amann**
Marine Cpl. Kevin “Jack” Dempsey

1:45 P.M. – 5th speaker: **President Dept. of CT American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. Mrs Kathryn Cross**.
Army SSG. Richard “Rick” Eaton

1:50 P.M. – Sixth speaker: **Marine Major James Brian Jones**
Marine Capt. Brian Letendre

1:55 P.M. – 7th speaker : **Army Colonel William Shea**
CT National Guardsman SSG Joseph Phaneuf II

2:00 P.M. - **Gold Star Mother Beverley Pierson** closes with a prayer

Chairman thanked him for his part in planning this wonderful event for our fallen heroes.

Email request for use of Unity Park by Ken Martin, Jr., 51 Hilltop Drive, for Saturday, August 8, 2009, for a Little League World Championship Reunion event at Little League Field #1. Time: 12:00 Noon to 8:00 p.m. including a picnic, game, moon bounce, home run derby with proceeds to go to local and/or national Little League Challenger Program.

Chairman explained by phone call to Mr. Martin that there would be no problem in approving the event but that as a formality all non-league use of fields for special events or fundraising must be sponsored by a Trumbull League with appropriate insurance certificate rather than by a private group; therefore, Trumbull Little League should be the sponsoring organization.

Request from A.V. Napolitano Post 141 to host their annual Fishing Derby at Kaatz Pond, Saturday, June 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Consensus of Approval.

Superintendent's submitted report:

- Board of Education Contract has been awarded to Sports Turf of Connecticut (Rick Capecelatro)
- Quite a bit of graffiti: Twin Brooks and Old Mine Parks
- Beach Pool Sprinkler Park up and running.
- Tremendous irrigation heads damage at Unity Babe Ruth Field (\$2,000) (Probably in the fall. Kids jumping up and down when raised heads are up.)
- Half way through with drainage project at Indian Ledge Park.
- Beach Pool up and running, Tashua Pool ready to open June 17th.

Chairman noted:

A request has come from John Annick, Cable Advisory Committee, indicating they would like to conduct a Park Tour for Channel 17 Programming. The First Selectman and Park Superintendent will be invited to host the tour.

The Trap Falls Kennel Club cancelled their September 12, 2009 Dog Ownership Day at Old Mine Park because bridge is closed for vehicles use. Our permission is for food vending trucks and vans to remain in the parking lot.

Respectfully submitted:

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Clerical Administrative Assistant