

**PARK COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

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

Robert Ferrigno, Presiding	Kevin Bellows
John Scippa	Anthony Chmielewski

Also,  
Dmitri Paris, Park Superintendent

As there was not a quorum present, Chairman indicated that all actions would be by consensus to be ratified at a future meeting.

**CONSENSUS** to approve minutes of August 10, 2009 with current number of American Legion Teams to be determined and corrected.

Correspondence:

From Joan Rosenbaum, 55 Pondview, questioning requirement to remove low portable fencing installed at curb line to control geese from entering her property from Gunther Pond Park.

Superintendent reported that he and the First Selectman met with Mrs. Rosenbaum and several of her neighbors at the site, and we agreed to attempt to discourage geese from coming up to the grass area on the Pondview Avenue side of the pond by installing 4-foot deer fencing around the pond. He noted that some of the pond perimeter is on private property.

The Town has determined that the Rosenbaum property fencing as presently installed (low-fencing with steel posts at the curb edge) creates a hazard which the Town would be liable for and therefore needs to be either removed or moved back to the 10 foot right-of-way line. As a cease and desist was issued to the property owner, it was agreed that the temporary fencing at the curb edge across from the park is to removed within two weeks of our installing the deer fencing around the pond.

Superintendent noted that we are very understanding of the geese problem at this location and every other town pond location, and we are continually attempting to discourage geese at these locations...but without great success. It is both the resident's as well as our hope that installing the deer fencing will help to alleviate the problem of geese crossing the street to the resident's property.

Request from Clay Recuperero, son of Retired Park Ranger Anthony Recuperero who passed away on August 11, 2009 to hold a small memorial service for his dad at the Twin Brooks Park Pavilion on Saturday, October 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. for approximately one and a half hours with about 60 to 76 people in attendance with coffee and pastry to be served. He indicated his family would also like to donate a park bench and plant a tree in the in his memory.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Field Maintenance: Discussed with Chairman the need for a seasonal window of opportunity for the Parks Department to complete maintenance of facilities. The three season play and tournaments leave no opportunity to close down field areas to complete necessary rehabilitation.

He commented that over the past year, Little League has corrected the Unity field-maintenance problems they were faced with by hiring an outside contractor for field maintenance between games as well as for garbage removal. Babe Ruth League is falling behind. Some of their problem is that their field is a shared field with St. Joseph High School, Christian Heritage, American Legion. The field is in poorer condition.

The thought is that the Park Superintendent will begin a master-maintenance program for 2010-2011 for closing down specific fields for periods of time to accomplish appropriate maintenance. During those periods, no play will be allowed. When scheduling end-of-season tournaments, designated maintenance closures will be taken into consideration.

Pools: This coming budget will reflect a 21% higher cost for pool operations to cover product and Health Code requirements.

Sprinkler Parks were open all season. Closing down now.

Lavatory Closings: - All will be closed by late October.

- Slowly beginning to close down now. Twin Brooks, Beach and Tashua Pools first to close.
- Fall Ball goes to October 20th. Softball into November.

Annual Concert:

- Hall and Oates were an easy group to work with.
- Stage was brought forward which gave us better access for electrical equipment.
- Making plans to pave-out that area of Indian Ledge field. We will have 400 feet remaining in length which is more than enough for field play. This will give us a location to install portable bleachers for the Artificial Turf Field as well as house staging for future events.

**CONSENSUS** to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe  
Clerical Administrative Assistant

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