

PARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 14, 2008

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

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)
Louann Riccio
Joe DeSabia
Tracy Vonick

Kevin Bellows
Tony Chmielewski
John Scippa
Gene Cellini

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

Visitors:

Lisa Sciortino w/husband, 162 Broadway Road, Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
Deborah J. Nygaard, Cub Pack 468
Jeffrey Blueweiss, Trumbull Little League President, 163 Coventry Lane

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

MOTION by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Dr. Bellows, nominating Robert Ferrigno to continue as Chairman. Vote unanimously in favor.

MOTION by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Mr. DeSabia, nominating Kevin Bellows to continue as Vice Chairman. Vote unanimously in favor.

MOTION by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Mrs. Riccio, adopting the second Monday of each month as the regular meeting date of the Park Commission for 2008, with the meeting being held the following Monday if the regular meeting date falls on a holiday or must necessarily be rescheduled. Town Clerk to be notified of any change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lisa Sciortino, 162 Broadway Road for the Renaissance Society (Soc. for Creative Anachronism, Inc.): Their request is to rent or reserve space at Unity Park picnic area for September 6, 2008 from morning opening to dusk for a picnic (they have cleared the date with the Recreation Department as being available). Their group is an international, non-profit, educational organization designed as a hands-on, learn by doing model to research and re-create European life prior to 1600. One of their events that day will be a fencing contest. All participants are trained and they do not use "live steel" or edged weapons. Strict safety standards apply to all their activities. They distributed information on their organization. This is a small event, with perhaps 50 people. They will dress in costume and have the competitive fencing within the group members. Public walk-ins may watch their activity. They wear fencing jackets under their costumes. Participants sign a waiver. They will provide a certificate of insurance. They feel they are a very responsible group. The cost to participants is between \$10/\$14 covering buffet and rental fee. They gave reference names as: Meriden YMCA, Trinity Episcopal Church in Nichols and St. Stephen Church in Shelton. They will have no vendors or merchants.

Deborah Nygaard, Cub Scout Pack 468:

Requested use of Twin Brooks Park, April 26, 27, 28 for their Annual Fishing Derby and June 6 for their Annual Camp Out at Old Mine Park. The camp out is an overnight event from Friday evening, through Sunday noon. They request both pavilions. They have cleared the date with Recreation. They have one parent for each of 40 boys. They estimate close to 100 in attendance. They have older scouts helping throughout the weekend. They provide scout insurance for both events.

Comments:

Fishing Season open April 20th and the Twin Brooks area will be filled with fishing enthusiasts. In the past, the Cub Scouts utilized Kaatz Pond for their Fishing Derby which would be more appropriate for their event. It was suggested she check back with the Troop Leaders on again using Kaatz Pond (Veterans Center) for their event as Twin Brooks Park will be too busy for one single event.

Jeffrey Blueweiss, President of Trumbull Little League:

Chairman noted that we invited Jeff, as the new President of Trumbull Little League, to our meeting to introduce ourselves and open communication on the upcoming season needs. Mr. Blueweiss noted the rehabilitation of the Little League Complex at Unity Park has been ongoing since 2006. They are not yet complete, still several outstanding projects...dugout facades still need to be brick faced. They have met with the Fire Marshall and Health Director who have indicated what needs to be done to bring cook areas up to Code. Concession at 3/4 never was up to Code since being built. Began as ice cream and soda distribution...evolved into something else. They are now working to correct these conditions to meet ventilation and fire suppression requirements.

Chairman Ferrigno congratulated Mr. Blueweiss for taking on the task of President of the League. He offered our support in their endeavors, mentioning that Commissioners Cellini, DeSabia. Bellows and Scippa have all been actively involved with Little League over the years.

Mr. Blueweiss commented he received our email on Construction Requirements, and they will abide by our policy. There was a brief discussion on weather or not they will have a coordinator for their daily project activities, mentioning Mike Curley who held this position in the past. He commented they now have a Board of approximately twenty, with eight directors and the remaining as general members.

Mr. Curley is now full-time employed and will not be available daily. He will be given specific assignments, head a division and be utilized as a resource. They do not have one daily person at this time. Board Members will be "working members"... having a strong presence.

What he sees is a League that does a number of good things for the kids in town and a League that can do more for the kids in town. They are going forward to do what's best for the kids. They will be run "by the book", consistent with the national league requirements. Mr. Blueweiss has spoken with our Park Superintendent and will continue communications on upcoming daily operations, usage of fields and meeting policy requirements to accomplish their objectives.

They are forming a finance committee, with one member at large from the community, to provide balance, guidance and over-sight in the area of their finances.

Chairman thanked him for coming to our meeting this evening indicating that this Commission will provide all the information needed to make their project tasks easier. Chairman noted the Commission has a very good working relationship with the new Babe Ruth administration and suggested Little League communicate with the Babe Ruth League as well as they both utilize Unity Park facilities.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second by Mrs. Riccio, unanimously passed to close meeting to Public Comments.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second by Mr. Chmielewski, unanimously passed approving the minutes of the November and December meetings.

MOTION to act on those requests not on the Agenda by Mr. Scippa, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second by Mr. Scippa, unanimously passed to approve the Renaissance Society (Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.) request to reserve space at Unity Park picnic area for September 6, 2008 from morning opening to dusk for a picnic including fencing competitions among their membership with the condition that appropriate Insurance Certificate covering this type activity is provided with permit and scheduling through the Recreation Department.

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OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Mr. DeSabia, unanimously passed approving the Sports Organizations Use of Town Facilities Policy as attached.

MOTION by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Mr. Cellini, unanimously passed approving the recommended Non-Town Sponsored Events Policy and Fees Schedule of \$1,500 per day as attached.

MOTION by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Mr. DeSabia, unanimously passed approving the Use of Facilities Rules and Regulations with the residency clause removed as attached.

MOTION by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Mr. DeSabia, unanimously passed approving a two-year Park Sticker to be included with the Tax Bill mailing for July 1, 2008, printed with the words Trumbull Resident, Expires June 30, 2010 as well as a separate Temporary Pass to be utilized by the Recreation Department for other than resident stickers.

MOTION by Mr. Vonick, second by Mr. Chmielewski, unanimously passed approving a request to the Board of Finance for a Special Appropriation covering the printing of Park Stickers and any associated costs.

BUDGET:

Chairman has reviewed the Budget Proposal for 2008-2009 with the Superintendent. Commission will support the request for an additional employee to cover multi-tasks “tradesmen” duties which we now require as we maintain and provide numerous new public buildings and facilities, infrastructure needs must be addressed (lavatories, electrical needs, irrigation lines). An additional vehicle will be included as well following the Director of Finance’s directive to include as a “single” request rather than a long-term lease purchase.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Kaechele Barn: Fire Marshal has closed the building as sink-water overflow has caused serious structural damage. No one is allowed use of the building until the floor and insulation repairs have been made to code. AYSO to be notified.

We have requested AYSO remove the outdoor lighting fixture from the building to be in compliance with our commitment to neighbors that no lighting would be installed.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Mr. Vonick, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe
Clerical Adm. Asst.

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