

PARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 21, 2008

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

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)
Kevin Bellows
Louann Riccio
Also,
Park Superintendent Dmitri Paris
Recreation Director Mary Markham

Guests:
Steve Chille, Babe Ruth League
Mike Mastroni, Fallen Heros Event

As there was not a quorum, Chairman noted that consensus actions would be acknowledged with ratification at our next regular meeting.

Public Comments:

Consensus to change the order of the Agenda to hear comments of Steve Chille, on behalf of Babe Ruth League.

Steve Chille, 11 Thomas Street for Babe Ruth League:

Submitted Engineering Department approved plan for taking a wall down at their Concession Stand to allow space for an additional sink.

Consensus to approve Babe Ruth Leagues removing a wall at their Unity Park Concession Stand to allow space for an additional sink as required by the Health Department in accordance with plans approved by the Town's Engineering Department.

Mike Mastroni, 9 Bear Den Road on behalf of the Fallen Hero's Event:

Chairman noted that we have received sponsorship endorsements from both the Trumbull Veterans groups, the A.V. Napolitano Post 141 and Trumbull Memorial Post 10059, V.F.W. indication they are pleased to be the official sponsors of the Fallen Heroes, 6th Annual Memorial Tribute planned for Indian Ledge Park on June 13, 2009.

Mr. Mastroni reviewed present planning:

Those being honored:

Marine Capt. Brian Letendre (26), New Britain, CT.	KIA 05-03-06 – Iraq
Marine Sgt. David Coullard (32), Glastonbury, CT	KIA 08-01-05 – Iraq
Marine Cpl. Devin "Jack" Dempsey (23), Monroe CT	KIA 11-13-04 – Iraq
Army Ssg. Richard "Rick" Eaton, Jr. (37), Guilford, CT	KIA 08-20-03 – Iraq
CT Nat'l. Guardsman Ssg Joseph Phaneuf, II (38) Eastford, CT.	KIA 12-15-06 – Afghanistan

Fallen Heroes Event (Con't)

- 102nd Army Band to perform for 90 minutes.
- Chief of Staff for First Lady Laura Bush, Anita McBride, of Bridgeport likely to attend.
- 101st Airborne - "Screaming Eagles" may jump.
- Blackhawk static display, coming from Lakehurst N.J.
- Food Tent probable.
- Diana Ross has been asked to sing The National Anthem.
- Robin Williams has been asked to M.C.
- Softball game following event at 3:30 p.m. on upper field.

Will meet with Superintendent and army representative at site early spring to finalize placement of tents, chairs, food booths, etc.

CONSENSUS to close meeting to guests.

Irish Festival Review:

The Chairman, Director of Public Works and First Selectman met with Feile representatives to review the field repair invoices. Treeland provided two cost estimates for comparison purposes, one based on Chart Use (\$45,215.) which is based on acreage, materials and labor the second a Site Visit determination based on first-hand view of site, materials, acreage and labor (20,481.). Both estimates are far above the invoices presented; however following discussion a compromise figure of \$4,000 was offered covering the cost to repair our primary Field I, the primary field utilized for the Irish Festival.

Suggestions were offered on how they can keep their costs down utilizing Explorers for parking, less Park Rangers, Less EMS, less Police suggesting use of a professional Security Agency as we do with the Town concert as well as more volunteers.

The Feila Committee will attend the Park Commission's November meeting with regard to the compromise figure for 2008 field repair and their ability to meet our current fee schedule for future Feila requests. They would like more realistic figures for security costs in advance of event (Rangers, Police and EMS). Unfortunately, Union contracts dictate these figures and determining hours for a three-day event would only be an estimate.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From: James D. Funnell, Jr., Scoutmaster Redding, CT. BSA Troop 15 requesting use of Old Mine Park for an overnight campout on November 1-2, 2008. He noted that scouts look for places to camp-out. Trumbull Troop 68 regularly camps in Redding parks, recently at Putnam Park and on November 14-17 at Hoyt Reserve. In these troubled economic times, troops are trying to camp locally and introduce boys to resources close to home.

Consensus of approval to Redding, CT BSA Troop 15 for Reciprocal Approval for use of Old Mine Park on November 1-2, 2008 by this non-resident troop, conditioned upon filing Appropriate Permit through our Recreation Department including Insurance Certificate, Fee, and indication of Ratio of adults to youth and no open campfires.

Superintendent's Report:

Island Brook ball field project is essentially completed. Still to be done is the installation of back stops with decisions in this regard still in discussion.

Investigated repairs to the Beach Pool Sprinkler Park. Very costly repair project. He and his assistant have begun to locate the major breaks in the system. They plan to repair the devices themselves to avoid demolition of the whole system.

Park facilities should be fully winterized in the next two weeks.

Many outside parks assignments at this time of year: Registrars for upcoming election (moving ballot boxes, any other physical movement of materials to and from Berkshire Garage to Town Hall or Schools), Town-Wide Leaf Program about to begin.

Replacing Tashua Life Guard/Concession Roof.

Requested approval by the Commission to complete the long-proposed field drainage project at Indian Ledge I. Following several changes to the layout plans for Island Brook, we have a reasonable amount of drainage pipe which can be used to drain our troubled field at Indian Ledge. This would be a winter project.

Consensus of approval for Superintendent to proceed with the field drainage project at Indian Ledge I.

We have a newly completed parking area adjacent to the Indian Ledge Park Youth Center...milled material was installed.

Discussion on the greatly increased Garbage problem in our parks. User Groups are requested to remove whatever is brought in, whether by private haulers or by the Leagues. This practice has fallen behind. Our department does not have the manpower or vehicles to accomplish picking-up following sports activities. League dumpsters are full and not removed with trash piled all around them. We are getting household waste in dumpsters as well. We require daily trash pick-up at fields by volunteers or by private contractors but we have not enforced this requirement.

Park Commission will now discuss measures of enforcement as well as hiring of private contractors with distribution of the costs through the permit process.

Superintendent did note that Trumbull United Soccer League has done an outstanding job of keeping trash picked up which confirms that all leagues should be making the same conscientious effort to keep our field areas picked-up.

Consensus to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan E. Plouffe, Clerical Adm. Assistant

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