

**Wallingford Parks and Recreation Commission**  
Meeting Minutes March 17, 2010

**Recreation Commission Members Present:**

Roz Gallagher, Dave Gelo, Linda Mercuri, Phylis Murray

**Recreation Department Staff Present:**

Director of Recreation John Gawlak

**Recording Secretary:** Joanne Vass

**Opening Remarks:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

**Guests in attendance:** Jason Michael and Brent Heidenis

**Minutes:**

Linda Mercuri made a motion to approve the January meeting notes as is. It was seconded by Roz Gallagher.

**Old/Current Business:**

John Gawlak passed out copies of the current Director's Report and proposed fiscal year budget for 2010-11.

**Director's Report: John Gawlak (refer to copy attached) additional comments:**

1. Budget FY10-11: John explained various line items of the budget as questions arose.
2. Disc Golf: Jason Michael and Brent Heidenis are interested in pursuing the possibility of developing a disc golf course in Wallingford. They attended the meeting to present their proposal to the Commission. They are proposing a nine hole course at Lufberry Park (the holes consist of removable baskets with collars that stay in the ground, but can be removed in a day.) Their list of advantages include:
  - a. Donations for the cost of the baskets lined up/donated labor.
  - b. Wonderful free opportunity for area youth.
  - c. Other towns have shown a drastic drop in park vagrancy.
  - d. Minimal maintenance.

The Commission asked various pertinent questions, such as season length, park use hours, additional costs, etc.

The next step would be to shore up numbers and present information to the Mayor. John will work through issues (signage, liability, grants, etc) and get back to Mr. Michael. John also mentioned that all donations must be approved by the council.

3. Open Space Users Meeting: was held on March 8. Various topics were discussed including farm leases, the deer survey, Maltby Lane Erosion, hunting and ATV issues. It was suggested to pick small projects and complete one at a time.
4. Car Top Boat Launch: John stated that things are moving along. He will be meeting with the Mayor and Mark Cummings shortly to discuss the progress.
5. Commission Member replacement: There are currently 4 candidates interested. Mayor Dickinson will be scheduling appointments with these individuals shortly for a possible selection.

**New Business:**

There is currently a bid in the works for irrigation at the Pragemann 5 field. The work will be done with Pragemann Park Endowment funding. John will also be having a meeting regarding the Pragemann Parking Lot Expansion on the east side of the park.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the Recreation Department, 6 Fairfield Blvd., Wallingford, CT.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Mercuri and seconded by Dave Gelo. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Vass, recording secretary