

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes May 9, 2012**

**Recreation Commission Members Present:**

Dave Gelo, Mike Savenelli, Roz Gallagher, Jason Michael

**Recreation Department Staff Present:**

John Gawlak CPRP Director Parks & Recreation

**Recording Secretary:**

Joanne Vass

**Opening Remarks:**

Dave Gelo called the meeting to order @ 8:09 AM.

**Old Business:**

Signs: signs for Carini & Coyle fields are still here (DPW behind due to issues and projects). A short discussion ensued.

Doolittle/Marcus Cooke Walk: Dave Gelo discussed report and completed projects. Other areas also discussed (Woodhouse, etc.).

Linear Trail Walk: Dave stated that the Quinnipiac Linear Trail Commission is very happy over completed projects by Public Works. A discussion took place re: plaques, fire, fences, etc.

Parks & Recreation Foundation: Commissioners feel that it would need a specific mission with detailed data for presentation. It was decided that the Viet Nam Vets turnaround should be the top priority (due to safety issues) with an additional gym being their second priority. Speed bumps at Vets Park were also suggested. A short list of priorities will be created to go over with Mayor Dickinson.

Wallace Park: Discussed poles, hold because of historic issues, will ask Bob Beaumont to get info, then meet with Mayor (May 24<sup>th</sup> 3:00PM) to get green light on project. Garden Club is ready to work on. Site visit with Steve Palermo suggested.

**New Business:** A meeting with Erin O'Hare (Inlands/Wetlands) was suggested re: farm leases. A lengthy discussion ensued re: new open fields, shift in sports participation by town youth.

Smoking in Parks: Discussed signage-agreed to address with leagues. (Mike will speak to Ray Gomes, President of Yalesville Little League).

**Director's Notes:**

Viet Nam Vets parking enhancements: John will speak with both league presidents to address parking issues.

Backstop @ Pragemann Field 1: Completed. Paid by endowment fund to purchase top quality equipment.

Port-o-lets Bid: reduction of proposed budget-prices lower now-new company.

Community Pool: Rec. Commission endorsed times changes from 11:00AM-7:00PM to 10:00AM-6:00PM. at the request of residents and evaluations from pool director on previous years.

R Band: will be at Fireworks for sound due to portolet favorable bid. Money will be transferred to our budget to include in this year's event. .

Budget hearing-discussion of a few items.

Metal Detector Issues: There should be no digging (stone moving, leaf blowing issues also). A short discussion ensued. It was suggested to meet with Chief of Police. John is working with Law Dept. to explore future ordinance on excavation.

Fireworks: Atlas Fireworks has been approved for this year (specs. also approved by fundraisers). John explained overall costs. A disk golf fundraiser is being held on June 10-still in the planning stage.

1183 Grievance: has been resolved. Public works will do initial lining of fields on weekends. A positive meeting with Steve Palermo, Kurt and Leagues re: field maintenance was held recently.

Kurt Treiber: Helping to create check list for film directors using public property.

Summer Brochure: will be out in one week. John discussed the director's message.

Lacrosse Issue: John discussed in detail incident involving a Lyman Hall student.

AT&T Fundraiser: Short discussion-Commission determined that reduction in park fee was not in order.

Low Ropes : John discussed the various upcoming events.

**Other Business:**

**Next Meeting:**

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday June 13, 2012 @ 8:00AM at the Recreation Dept. Dave will E-mail all commissioners as a reminder of next meeting date.

**Adjournment:**

Dave Gelo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roz Gallagher seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Vass, recording secretary