

Wallingford Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes May 12, 2010

Recreation Commission Members Present:
Dave Gelo, Linda Mercuri, Michael Savenelli Sr.

Recreation Department Staff Present:
Director of Recreation John Gawlak

Recording Secretary: Joanne Vass

Opening Remarks:
The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Guests in attendance: Jason Michael

Minutes:
Linda Mercuri made a motion to approve the April meeting notes as is, except for the spelling of the last name of our new commissioner, Michael Savenelli Sr. (misspelled as Savinelli in April). The motion was seconded by Dave Gelo.

Old/Current Business:
John Gawlak passed out copies of the current Director's Report.

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

1. Tyler Mill Open Space: John explained in more detail the incidents that have taken place in the area. It was suggested to propose an ordinance prohibiting paint ball games in the parks. Linda will call the chairman of the ordinance committee and find out the proper procedures to follow. She will also call Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation to see how their ordinance has worked out.
2. Sheehan Health Fair: John stated that the Park & Rec Booth had a good positive vibe. Our Health & Fitness instructors conducted an "interactive live" Zumba class that was a lot of fun for all and distributed summer program information.
3. Summer Brochure: John mentioned that the Seniors on the cover were on the local news network this week regarding their Softball achievements.
4. Disc Golf: John mentioned that now that fundraising for the project can begin, checks should be made out to the Lufberry Trust Fund with a note stating that monies are donated specifically for disk golf. Donors will be recognized on the course maps, not on the baskets themselves. John will notify the Record Journal to do a story on the project. Mr. Michael stated that the monies for the baskets should be collected within a few weeks. He and John will get together to form a written plan, gather volunteer names and contact information as well as days and times they will be out at Vets Park. A discussion ensued regarding the process to follow (scheduled plan) and John emphasized the need for constant communication.
5. Ice Cream/Vendor Bid/Parking: John is meeting with Ray Slivinski, Lars Edeen, and the Soccer League on May 19th at 4:30 regarding parking issues there including vendors. John will also ask John Thompson from the Engineering Dept. to attend if possible. The Rec Commission is welcome to attend.
6. Car Top Boat Launch: John will be attending the boat launch presentation on June 2 for the Inlands/Wetlands application as the official applicant. He invited the commission members to attend and possibly conduct their June meeting on the same day.
7. Harrison Park Sign: Dave Gelo did research on the signage. He has been in contact with Hamden Monuments (recommended to him by Bob Devaney, caretaker of the town cemetery). Costs would run as follows:
18' X 14" bronze plaque \$900 (plus \$200-\$250 installation fee)
16' X 12" bronze plaque \$800 (plus \$200-\$250 installation fee)
A discussion ensued. John will check to see if 2 other quotes are needed.
8. Pragemann Parking: It took 13 months for the conditional permit due to Public Health involvement. Chemical list from Naturally Green is needed to complete the IPM plan in order to receive a permit from the Dept. of Health.
9. Commission By-Laws: Michael and Linda will work on getting more information from surrounding towns.

Old Business:

Tour of the Parks: Linda will try to set up a date when all the commission members would be available for a tour.

Planters on front patio: Linda & Michelle Bjorkman are meeting this Tuesday to discuss plantings. They have been waiting for frost warnings to be over before planting.

Next Meeting:

The next Recreation Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2010. Time and place to be announced.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Gelo and seconded by Linda Mercuri. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Vass, recording secretary