

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes September 14, 2010**

Recreation Commission Members Present:

Dave Gelo Vice Chairman, Phylis Murray, Mike Savenelli

Recreation Department Staff Present:

John Gawlak CPRP Director Parks & Recreation

Recording Secretary:

Jennifer Griswold

Opening Remarks:

Meeting was called to order @ 5:37p.m.

Guests in attendance:

Wes Luby

Minutes:

Motion was made by Dave Gelo to accept last month's minutes seconded by Mike Savenelli

Mr. Luby questioned the Director and Commission Members on the development of Galko Pond as an outdoor skating area. He commented that the situation is deserving of more attention than it is getting, and that he is representing local residents in the area who have expressed concern that the Galko area is not being maintained adequately. A discussion ensued, and Mr. Gawlak responded that no further plans for development are on the table at this time. If residents wish to pursue the matter further, they should make a list of specific suggestions and he will arrange for them to meet with the Mayor. Mr. Luby thanked the group for granting him the time to express his concerns.

There was a brief discussion concerning Park Ordinances and the permit procedure.

The Commission expressed thanks to Mr. Savenelli for his report on the Linear Trail Clean-Up.

The new bronze plaque commemorating the Harrison Park Rededication has been complete and installed.

Mr. Gelo suggested that they contact the newspaper to request a photo and small piece in the paper to let the public know.

Mr. Gelo suggested changing the meeting schedule to the 2nd Wednesday of each month in an effort to improve attendance by all Commission Members. The suggestion was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Savenelli remarked that he had not gotten any negative feed back or suggestions to change his draft of the By-Laws; he is assuming then that everyone is in agreement with them. He will send them out one more time to everyone via email asking for any last comments before they are adopted.

Director's Report:

John Gawlak briefly summarized his September Director's Report with the Commission.

Next Meeting:

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Mr. Gelo to adjourn and Mr. Savenelli seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Griswold, recording secretary