

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes November 14, 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.

**Minutes:**

Dave asked for a motion to accept the October meeting minutes. Mike Savenelli made the motion, which was seconded by Roz Gallagher.

**Other Business:**

By Laws: The commissioners briefly discussed terms of officers as stated in By-Laws. It was unanimously decided to put on an addendum allowing current commission officers to serve another 2 year term. Roz Gallagher made a motion that after the second term of office, new officers should be elected. The motion was seconded by Jason Michael.

**Old Business:**

Smoking signage at ball fields: Dave Gelo is getting a price for 30 signs and discussed wording on signs.

Wallace Park: The six benches ordered have arrived. Public Works needs to trim trees. John received final document from Law Dept. John has fencing quote. John is waiting for irrigation quote. Mike Savenelli will meet with Garden club tomorrow for advice/assistance on Project. Commission is working on presentation in January to present to Town Council.

Dog Park: John reviewed proposal from Mark Semrau's group and submitted revised information from Mark Semrau's group to Commissioners who will review and get back to him with any questions or concerns. John updated commission on status of info from various departments and their recommendations for project. Commission will review Community Lake and Garden Road this Friday as possible sites.

**New Business:**

Wallingford Hockey League Audit Meeting: John and Commission were impressed with the way Hockey League is run and organized. Each team has a parent manager representative who communicates any issues or concerns to Head Coach from parents. All coaches are re-interviewed every year. John has created an outline for this and all future League Audit Meetings.

**Director's Notes:**

Recreation Management Software: John discussed current status of capabilities of the top 5 companies researched. Asst Town Atty Eihorn forwarded a copy of comments regarding Mayor's request that he research a particular company and the case of internet use.. He will be looking at North Branford's system today.

YLL Field Light Proposal: A brief discussion re: neighborhood meeting, Musco Light Rep. Will meet with Ray Gomes (League President), and then speak to Mayor and share results of light survey and what if any are the next steps.

Allegheny Ludlum Property: Roz suggested visiting the area on Friday to discuss possible uses. This area is the site of the former employee parking lot. The area is quite large the idea is to expand West Side Field for field flexibility for football in fall and lacrosse in spring and allow for hardball field to recover from OVER USE.

Musco Outdoor Athletic Field lighting: Area viewed and quoted was between Pragemann fields 5 and 6. This again would add field flexibility in the fall as the area is suitable for multiple uses

Recreation Dept. Concrete Sidewalks/Curbing: nothing new at this point. Still waiting on Public Works and the Engineering Dept..

Gaylord Fields: Brief discussion of 300 acre Gaylord property sale which will include 5 fields used by Girls Softball and the potential impact of field inventory. Possible merger of 2 Girls' Leagues?

Atty. Loughlin correspondence: Brief discussion ensued

Pool pass management: John will present more information at the December meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday December 12, 2012 @ 8:00AM at the Recreation Dept. Dave will E-mail all commissioners as a reminder of next meeting date. He will also E-mail copy of agenda to Town Clerk's office directly.

**Adjournment:**

Dave Gelo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Savenelli made the motion and Jason Michael seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Vass, recording secretary