

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes March 13, 2013**

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 @ 8:11 AM.

Minutes:

A short discussion of last month's minutes took place. Dave then asked for a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Mike Savenelli made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Michael.

Old Business:

Wallace Park: Item will be on Town Council Meeting Agenda for March 26. Commissioners will meet to discuss presentation. John will make up packets with photos to hand out at March 26 meeting. He also discussed cost of "Legacy Garden" fencing and cost of fencing for entire perimeter of Wallace Park. New signage for the park was also discussed. The current arch will need backing or put up new structure. Dave will take pictures and contact Tim Keogh (Signs by Tomorrow) for estimate. Signage inside the "Legacy Garden" was also discussed. John will discuss bench placement with Steve Palermo (Public Works) at his meeting today.

Vets Park: Short discussion of Community Gardens took place. Leila Edgar who is in charge of the Gardens, is not opposed to relocation. The current site will now have uniform fencing. Any new site will need a water source – possibility of using Garden Road as new site. There was also a lengthy discussion of parking issues, including the survey from the year 2000 and pros and cons of using police as a temporary solution for traffic issues.

Dog Park: A short discussion of last month's minutes regarding dog park sites was reviewed. It was decided to visit Garden Road and Gelco properties as a group and take photos to determine if either site would be feasible. Visits will take place on April 12.

High School Concession Stands: Jason, John, Dave, John Sullivan and Kurt Treiber will be meeting with the Supt. of Schools on April 1 at 1:00PM to discuss use of Sheehan Concession by groups other than the Football League.

Smoking signage at ball fields: The signs are now complete and ready for April installation.

New Business:

Rotary Pavilion: Discussion by Commission of possible movement nearer to playscape. Roz mentioned that cost and amount of undertaking must be considered. John will look into cost and possibility of Public Works being able to do project.

Director's Notes: (See attached submittal)

John passed out copies of entire budget and finance portion, and discussed many line items in detail. He gave kudos to Jennifer and Michelle for the great job on their efforts to put information together, as it takes two months of planning. Jennifer Griswold has just received a well-deserved promotion from Account Clerk to Executive Secretary. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Alleghany has agreed to lease property adjacent to West Side Field for parking only. A short discussion as to that being feasible was held.

Coalition for a Better Wallingford: Group has tried to use leagues in town to reach out to create awareness. Dave will set up meeting with NAOA or bring representative to next Commission Meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Friday, April 12, 2013 @ 8:00AM at the Recreation Dept. Dave will E-mail all commissioners as a reminder of next meeting date. He will also Fax or E-mail copy of agenda to Town Clerk's office, Town Council Office and Commission Secretary directly.

Adjournment:

Dave Gelo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Savenelli made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Michael. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Vass, recording secretary