

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes June 12, 2013**

**Recreation Commission Members Present:**

Dave Gelo, Mike Savenelli, Roz Gallagher, Jason Michael, Phylis Murray

**Recreation Department Staff Present:**

John Gawlak CPRP Director Parks & Recreation

**Recording Secretary:** Joanne Vass

**Opening Remarks:**

Dave Gelo called the meeting to order @ 8:05 AM.

**Minutes:**

Dave asked for a motion to accept the May meeting minutes. Mike Savenelli made the motion, which was seconded by Phylis Murray.

**New business:**

State DPH Permits for Viet Nam Vets: John has a copy of permit forwarded from State DPH. Time line was discussed 2 weeks ago with DPW. They are to perform work. John discussed 3 phases of project in detail and the need to get work done ASAP (mid Oct-thru Nov. if possible). A short discussion ensued re: related issues. John will set up another meeting with DPW & include John Thompson (Engineering) to discuss project before start.

New Rules for Community Gardens: John & Jim Sayre will be keeping an eye on area. Short discussion took place.

**Old Business:**

Wallace Park: All concrete bench pads are in. DPW picked up benches last week and will put them together in their yard. Mike received response from Town Council re: approval on wording of policy document. Need separate meeting with Steve (DPW) to go over all phases of project re: fencing, irrigation, benches, fill, etc. (8:00AM meeting if possible). John to set up.

Dog Park: Commission met with Mark Semrau, Carl Seely and Tanya Bachand, 3 members of WDLA. Meeting went well. Sites narrowed to Garden Rd and Harrison Park. Recent reply from Mr. Semrau stated that the WDLA accepted Garden Rd (14-0 vote) as their primary choice. They will submit a formal proposal. Discussed details of reply- John discussed the decommissioning of a farm lease field on corner of Northford Rd and East Center St. Dave was not in favor of location-wants to preserve for future use of Vets Project.

Dogs Allowed in Parks : It was decided to remove "No dogs allowed" signs where unnecessary. Discussion on police action at Vets Park , with a dog on a leash and handler.

High School Concession Stands: Will set up a meeting with booster clubs once the fall activity schedule is set up. A short discussion ensued re: "mindset program" for better sports culture.

New Harrison Park Plaque: Cosmetic work needed where old tree stump removed to create area for new sign. Will bring up topic at Wallace Park meeting with DPW. Will also discuss issue at corner lot of park.

**Director's Notes: (See attached submittal)**

1. Vets Parking: John is meeting with Ray Slivinski on Friday. He will give an update re: Vets progress.
2. WGSL League/Gaylord Fields: John made charts of town fields. There are more than enough if needed. Lengthy discussion of fast vs. slow pitch leagues.
3. John working with DPW for bids on Pragemann fields 2 & 3. Pragemann Park sponsored Lions Club signs project meeting with Peter Pfau. Approval for concession stand from state. Short discussion of Pragemann endowment fund took place.
5. Management Software: Training took place Monday, June 10. Lengthy discussion of advantages and possibilities. August 23 is date for going live onto system.
7. Vets Soccer field 5: meeting this Friday re: changing goals to newer models.
10. Lengthy discussion re: removal of small playground equipment & replacement near large playscape possibly for special needs/young children or placement @ Vets (make use of equipment.)
13. Community Gardens: Short discussion re: response to correspondence. Dave will respond to letter.
21. Summer Brochure: sign ups in full swing.
23. Short discussion of Harriet Wallace Park took place.
25. Project Graduation: John explained all the preparations that go into the event.
26. Part time Program Specialist: position currently being posted.
27. Showmobile: use only for government events. Short discussion ensued.
28. Linear Trail- Canoe launch on Community Lake. Discussed desired location. Approved in 2010, but fund not available.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 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 made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Phylis Murray. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Vass, Recording Secretary