

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes June 13, 2012**

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 @ 8:04 AM.

Minutes:

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

Old Business:

Signs: signs for Carini & Coyle fields: Dave asked if the signs could be put up by August 15 before the TWIST Soccer Tournament. Attempts to meet that date would be appreciated.

Property at 1288 Durham Rd: Reviewed by Dave and John. They determined that it was not conducive for field usage. Dave Juliano also reviewed at Roz's request. He also found too many negatives for use.

Smoking at ball fields: Lengthy discussion ensued including: additional signage, meeting with leagues, and possible consequences for non conformists. Dave inquired as to cost of signage. John suggested signs that would encompass other information as well.

Parking issues at Vets ball fields: Brief discussion took place. Jason will call police and ask them to Patrol this weekend. John also suggested alternate scheduling of league usage next year.

Wallace Park: Guidelines: John sent copy to Law Dept. and Mayor. Should be 35 on page 2. Will notify Mayor's office of correction. John has a meeting next week with Housatonic Fence to look at area for quote on decorative fencing for memorial.

Director's Notes:

John has made a formal request to the Conservation Commission to look for a large parcel of land for future fields to accommodate upcoming needs of LaCrosse and other leagues. He also presented a concept for a field creation at Garden Road property with attached parking.

Ordinance Meeting: scheduled tentatively for June 21 should hopefully put to rest field issue.

Other pool concerns: Complete pool review should be undertaken at end of pool session to examine pool surface and decking. Letter was sent to Henry McCully.

Disk Golf: short discussion of a grand opening in fall. Will contact newspaper and run a fundraiser.

Interpretive Trail Guide- John passed out copies to Commissioners. Additional copies available at Library.

Low Ropes Course: Recreation Staff will facilitate one for Library's Environmental Program on June 20 in the afternoon.

John asked commissioners to review articles re: Southington parks improvements. Will discuss at next meeting (background for fall meeting with leagues). May develop 5 or 10 year plan.

John explained details of final draft of new part-time sick leave policy.

John and Jim Sayre met with new cleaning contractor yesterday. The switch will be made at end of month.

Other Business:

Conservation Commission: meets on 2nd Thursday of the month in the evening if Commissioners are interested in attending. John handed out a copy of their last meeting's minutes for review.

FYI: part-time clerical staff were able re-do office storage, front office filing and subject binders for John.

Park & Rec Commission Fund: Mayor would like name changed. Commissioners were asked to think about a new name and discuss next month.

Next Meeting:

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday July 11, 2012 @ 8:00AM at the Recreation Dept. Dave will E-mail all commissioners as a reminder of next meeting date.

Adjournment:

Dave Gelo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phylis Murray seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Vass, recording secretary