

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department
Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes August 8, 2012**

Recreation Commission Members Present:

Dave Gelo, Mike Savenelli, Roz Gallagher, Jason Michael, Phylis Murray, Lifeguard Team (see third sheet).

Recreation Department Staff Present:

John Gawlak CPRP Director Parks & Recreation

Recording Secretary:

Joanne Vass

Opening Remarks:

Dave Gelo called the meeting to order @ 8:10 AM.

Meeting held at Community Pool.

Minutes:

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

New Business:

John preceded formal meeting by reading letter of July 17 from Mayor Dickinson to lifeguards. He also thanked Josh LaMay (Supervisor) and Michelle Bjorkman (Supt. of Recreation) for all their efforts in running the pool this year. Michelle reiterated her thanks to the group. Dave also spoke to the group, reiterating his own life lessons learned as a lifeguard. Jay Zettergren (Asst. Supervisor) also expressed his pride in the lifeguard staff. John mentioned the idea of a new pass management system that will go into effect next year. Shirts were passed out to lifeguards and photos were taken.

Old Business:

Smoking signage at ball fields: Dave took photos of current signs. He made a motion to say "smoking in parking lot only per ordinance". The motion was seconded by Mike. Jim Sayre will take inventory of how many signs will be needed & pass info to league officials. Sizes and costs to be obtained.

Public Parks: Lengthy discussion of gate issues at Viet Nam Vets Park. Lock discussion will take place in more detail at later date. Leagues will update fields-they will be locked only when work being done.

Wallace Park: Guidelines: Edited new opening paragraph. Needs a name, then forward to Law Dept. for review, then on to council.

- Suggestions:
1. Wallingford's Commemorative Garden
 2. Wallingford's Welcome Garden
 3. Welcome to Wallingford
 4. Wallingford Legacy Garden

Damage to gate at Wallace also discussed. Quotes for fencing being obtained as part of bordering monument park from rest of the park.

Kendrick Park: Walk-thru took place. Selected trees recommended to be cleared. Survey will go out to surrounding neighbors re: enhancement; need to survey boundaries of park.

Director's Notes:

West Side Field: John discussed parking area work done there in detail.

Community Pool: A discussion of work to be done at end of season took place. Vending issues were also discussed (future discussion may ensue).

Field Distribution meeting: Commissioners who attended felt that the meeting went well. Brief discussion took place.

Park Ordinance Policies: It was decided to place this topic as an agenda item for September to address ATV, illegal excavating, and paintball issues.

Recreation Management Software: John explained upcoming issues of current software company no longer offering support after October 2013 and possible solutions. Mark Davis, our new IT person will be working with us in selecting new program. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Grand St: A walk-thru was done yesterday. A short discussion took place. (New park sign discussed- Phylis will help spearhead cosmetics of park).

Tyler Mill: John discussed recent trail issues.

Other Business:

Dog Park: John is meeting today with interested resident to begin process of spearheading park. A short discussion of amenities ensued.

Next Meeting:

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday September 12, 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. Roz Gallagher seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Vass, recording secretary