

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes August 14, 2013**

**Recreation Commission Members Present:**

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

**Recreation Department Staff Present:**

John Gawlak CPRP Director Parks & Recreation

**Attending Guest:**

Josh LaMay, Pool Supervisor

**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 July meeting minutes. Mike Savenelli made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Michael.

**New business:**

Status of Viet Nam Vets Parking Project: John explained positive response from State of CT re: drainage swales, receipt of the STEAP Grant and other issues, including application submission to IWWC by proper deadline by Engineering, and total parking spaces and placement of 7 handicapped spaces. DPW will be performing work, hoping to start by early November.

TWIST Soccer Tournament: This year will be the largest ever (over 2,400 participants & approx. 1,000 parents). Dave discussed impact of event on Town. 60% of revenue goes to scholarship fund-40% used for field development.

**Old Business:**

Wallace Park Legacy Gardens: John presented a packet of information. Our part is done. 6 Benches have arrived. Purchase order to Giving Tree irrigation is done. Bid Specs for fencing are now in Purchasing. Site work, tree work, and re-setting of brickwork pushed off until spring for now.

Dog Park Update: Engineering hired a soil scientist – results of testing forwarded to Erin O’Hare and Casey Costello regarding wetland. Review need and 100 year flood plain. Mayor is reviewing DEEP “definitions”. WDLA has invited Rec Commissioners to the celebration of their one-year formation. John gave the Commission a copy of John Thompson’s memo to review. Short discussion of Garden Rd - need to set rules and regulations in stone for future use.

Pragemann Park: Fields 2 & 3- Bids for new backstops at Purchasing (will be working on soon- hoping to be done by fall.) Will be 26’ high- extra netting at third base on field 3. Parking lot will be started this fall by DPW with permit from Dept. of Health.

Harrison Park: Tree was removed that held Dr. Harrison’s plaque. New plaque on order. Short discussion ensued re: placement, decorative fencing, planting of new oak tree and history of park. It was decided to walk area as soon as plaque is ready (will bring here for now).

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

There was a brief review of the Director's notes as attached:

WGSL- Toll Brothers inquiring on cost of upgrades to school fields. Will look at & review this fall. Engineering to work on construction survey in winter.

Pragemann: John working with Lions Club to design new sign. Sign should be moved out somewhat for better visibility. Also looking to supplement playground equipment. John showed brochures with possible choices- will go out to bid. Short discussion of safety of equipment and risk issues of current playground areas.

Community Pool: John presented information re: issues, complaints. Josh LaMay, Pool Director, gave input as to pool usage, pool parties, and swim lessons. Dave thanked Josh for his input and for attending the meeting.

Disc Golf Course Update: James Lane, designer of course in Bristol, is offering assistance to Jason Michael with design of next 3 holes. It will be ready in approximately 1 and 1/2 weeks.

Exit 14: Moisture issues with current flooring. Hoping to replace as a budget item.

Farmland Program: parcels reviewed as possible conversion to athletic fields. Only a few large enough to consider.

John also discussed participation of seniors in national competitions. 2 gold medals were won. Discussion of a celebration at West Side and possible trophy case to display future awards.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 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. Commission Secretary will fax agenda to Town Clerk's Office.

**Adjournment:**

Mike Savenelli made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jason Michael. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Vass, Recording Secretary