

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CHESHIRE
PARK PAVILION, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

Present: Jim Nankin, Chairman, Paul Fracasse, Karen Bertoni, David
Veleber and Patrick Duffy

Staff Present: Bob Ceccolini

Guests Present: Kevin Fitzsimmons and Mike Vitello, Intern

Absent: Ira Kushner and Mike O'Donnell

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nankin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2011 MEETING

MOTION: Ms. Bertoni made a motion to accept the June 1, 2011 minutes.

MOVED: Mr. Fracasse seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed 3 – 1, the abstention from David Veleber.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL LIAISON

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Communications

None

Pool Discussion

Mr. Nankin said the update on the pool is that it is open and there has been no answer on the bubble.

Mr. Ceccolini said there is a meeting on Monday night at 6:00 P.M. with the PBC subcommittee at town hall. He and Sheila will be attending the meeting.

DOG PARK

Mr. Ceccolini said the plan is still being worked on and it still has to go to the Beautification Commission.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Status

Mr. Ceccolini said P&R has received many compliments from CYB and CYS regarding the condition of our fields. The staff has come in on the weekends to help with the fields. The Soccer Club has decided to join efforts with P&R in purchasing the organic compost for the soccer fields. The fields would be shut down at the beginning of August through the end of August.

Mr. Ceccolini said the dredging at Mixville Pond would begin in September. Repairs to the park were done on the clean-up day. Mr. Ceccolini said Brian Blair is trying to alleviate the drainage problems north of the dam. He is building catch basins and putting them in areas to see where the areas are flowing.

Mr. Ceccolini said Kevin Fitzsimmons has been installing the low wood fencing all around Bartlem Park including around the parking lots.

Mr. Ceccolini said Kevin has been at Dodd with the waste water treatment plant employees regarding the mildew on the courts. The courts are approximately ½ done. The courts are on North Rolling Acres.

Kevin said a high-pressure power washer was used to remove the mildew and did a great job.

Mr. Ceccolini said P&R received a check to demolish the Jacman barn but is waiting to hear from someone regarding this.

Mr. Ceccolini said he has plans for the Bartlem Park storage building.

Recreation Programs

Mr. Ceccolini said the regular day camps have good enrollment. Claire Fracasse works with us now. Everything is running smoothly.

Patrick Duffy arrived at 6:20 P.M.

Mr. Ceccolini said the production of Willy Wonka is next week then the concerts in the park. The Eight to the Bar concert has been moved from Thursday to Friday.

There was a discussion regarding future concerts. It was suggested that some concerts be moved to Friday nights and possibly change the location to the town green because they are a little hidden at Cheshire Park.

Mr. Nankin suggested making the changes for next year's concerts because he felt it would be a little late to do it this year. He also said P&R would need the church's permission and we would have to have a meeting with the Chief of Police.

Kevin questioned if there would be enough electricity on the green? Mr. Ceccolini replied for the bands there would be enough electricity but probably not for food vendors if they parked there. Mr. Ceccolini suggested the food vendors could be parked on the road.

Mr. Nankin requested help for the summer concerts. Approximately 8-10 people are needed for the August 12 concert, Eight to the Bar. The time needed starts at 6:00 – 6:30 P.M. until the cars are gone at the end of the concert.

Mr. Ceccolini pointed to the recycling bin in the pavilion where we were and said there are six more of them out in the parks.

COMMISSIONER'S FORUM

MOTION: Mr. Nankin made a motion to cancel the August meeting and reconvene for the picnic/meeting in September.

MOVED: Mr. Duffy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Fracasse made a motion to adjourn.

MOVED: Mr. Duffy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was passed unanimously by those present. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Attest:

Claudia J. Baron, Clerk
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