

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE
COMMUNITY POOL, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

Present: Jim Nankin, Chairman, Ira Kushner, David Veleber, and Mike O'Donnell

Staff Present: Bob Ceccolini

Council Present: Peter Talbot

Guest Present: Nancy Erickson, parent of child in Sea Dogs
Cheryl Getens, parent of child in Sea Dogs

Absent: Paul Fracasse, Patrick Duffy and Karen Bertoni

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nankin called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Nankin asked Commission members to keep Mr. Duffy in their thoughts and prayers because both of his grandchildren are very ill at the present time.

Mr. Nankin welcomed Mr. Talbot to the P&R Commission meeting.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2011 MEETING

MOTION: Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to accept the December 7, 2011 minutes.

MOVED: Mr. Kushner seconded the motion.

Mr. Veleber said he was marked absent and present at the December meeting. He was present and arrived at 7:10 P.M. His name will be removed from the minutes as being absent.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present with the above change.

COUNCIL LIAISON

None

Ms. Erickson and Ms. Getens said they attended the meeting tonight to hear about the discussion on the pool.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Communications

Mr. Nankin did not have communications to share.

Mr. Ceccolini said he heard back about the memorial bench. He said he mentioned to Ron Gagliardi of the recent vote regarding the bench and Mr. Gagliardi responded that he would go out and solicit funds.

Mr. Veleber questioned the cost of one bench? Mr. Ceccolini replied one bench cost \$1,400.

Pool Discussion

Mr. Ceccolini informed the Commission the bubble is due to arrive here on Monday between 7 – 8:30 AM. The blower will also arrive either Monday or Tuesday. The Contractor, Mike Roach, will be here also on Monday. Mr. Ceccolini said he advertised to have the blower dismantled and taken away as was discussed at the last meeting. He said a man from another town came and dismantled the blower himself and removed it.

Mr. Ceccolini said the town needs four good days of weather to put the bubble up. Mr. Nankin mentioned that next week's weather looks good.

Mr. Ceccolini said the concrete guys are coming tomorrow to finish up the work they need to do. There are many small items that need to be taken care of. Mr. Ceccolini said everything should take approximately two weeks once the bubble goes up to get everything completed. Mr. Ceccolini said Sheila Adams has been in daily contact with Steve Trifone and the YMCA. Hopefully, if all goes well, we could be looking at the week of January 23 to open.

Mr. Ceccolini said P&R hired a new employee, Glenn Root, who is very experienced. He will replace the pool coordinator we lost and we are very lucky to have him working for us. The staff that has been on furlough are all ready to come back and work.

Mr. Ceccolini said the blower/heater unit has to be connected for heat, electricity, etc. This process takes a couple of days. The mechanical issues are done first then the bubble.

Ms. Getens questioned about the new cover for the pool if it is for when the town takes down the bubble? Mr. Ceccolini replied it is not a heating blanket. The cover protects the bubble and is supposed to prevent the bubble from being rolled up wet.

Mr. Ceccolini said the facility received new handicap lifts and diving boards all covered under insurance.

Ms. Getens questioned if this new blower is the same as the old blower or better? Mr. Ceccolini said the town has more confidence in this blower. The blower blows heat up and circulates the air. The new unit does use some reclaimed air but we would have to have a dehumidification process for the air. There were new code changes made to blowers.

Mr. Nankin said if a code or ordinance changes and requires us to upgrade then usually it is covered to allow the upgrade.

The guests left the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Summer Concert Discussion

Mr. Ceccolini said he spoke to Power Station and they do major concerts for around 10,000 people. They said they would come up with a price for the concerts in the summer. They do our fall festival every year.

Mr. Ceccolini said he spoke to Aztec Two Step and in order for them to change their concert to change to a Friday night concert and do a full show it would cost \$4,500. We are looking for a 2 to 2 ½ hr. show and have an act come out before them.

Mr. Nankin said there are better facilities at Bartlem Park for the concerts as far as parking is concerned. We have overflow parking if we need it. Eight To the Bar draws a huge crowd.

Mr. Ceccolini said the concerts would have lights and we could start at 7:30 and possibly have bands play to 9:30 on Friday nights. We could get three or four sponsors and their names would go onto the banner.

Mr. Nankin said when we introduce the band we could introduce the sponsor.

Mr. Ceccolini said we would need three nights for concerts.

Mr. Veleber asked if there are other bands like Aztec Two Step. Mr. Ceccolini said he doesn't have any in mind but you could go online and find some.

Mr. Nankin said before anyone approaches a company to sponsor to clear it with Mr. Ceccolini first.

Commission Elections

Mr. O'Donnell nominated Mr. Nankin as Chairman for the P&R Commission.
Mr. Nankin closed the nominations.

MOTION: Mr. O'Donnell made a motion that Jim Nankin be Chairman of the P&R Commission.

MOVED: Mr. Veleber seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Nankin nominated Patrick Duffy for Vice Chairman of the P&R Commission.
Mr. Veleber seconded the nomination.
Mr. Nankin closed the nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Veleber made a motion to elect Patrick Duffy as the Vice Chairman for the P&R Commission.

MOVED: Mr. Nankin seconded the motion.

VOTE: All were in favor of the motion, the motion passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Nankin nominated Paul Fracasse for Secretary of the P&R Commission.
Mr. Veleber seconded the nomination.
Mr. Nankin closed the nominations.

MOTION: Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to elect Paul Fracasse as the Secretary for the P&R Commission.

MOVED: Mr. Veleber seconded the motion.

VOTE: All were in favor of the motion, the motion passed unanimously by those present.

Recreation Person of the Year

Mr. Nankin said in considering the Person of the Year Award it has to be someone who has done an outstanding service for P&R. The person cannot be an employee. Do not pick someone to just pick someone.

The nomination has been TABLED until the next meeting. There were a couple of people discussed for the award.

DOG PARK

Mr. Ceccolini said the dog park group is still raising money. He said he will meet with town officials in the next couple of weeks and go over the plans. They have not been able to meet because of the holidays.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Mr. O'Donnell said it was discussed at their meeting that the lights at the Parklet at Cook Hill and Route 10 does not light up the trees as well. They are not bright enough to illuminate the trees. Mr. Ceccolini said he would look into this.

Mr. O'Donnell said the Beautification Spring Expo is set for April 14.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Status

Mr. Ceccolini said there is mulch in the park. The Town will try and sell it.

Mr. Ceccolini said three large trees were removed at Lock 12 because of the beaver damage to the trees.

Mr. Ceccolini said the floors at the Youth Center are being done by the P&R crew.

Recreation Programs

Mr. Ceccolini said P&R is getting closer to being on-line. The finance dept. had to organize with the banks. For the spring programs you will only be able to register on-line.

Mr. Nankin said for the people that didn't know when the brochures are printed they wouldn't know when classes are available on-line so that is a drawback.

COMMISSIONER'S FORUM

Mr. Kushner wished everyone a happy new year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn.

MOVED: Mr. Veleber seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was passed unanimously by those present. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Attest:

Claudia J. Baron, Clerk
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