

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE YOUTH
CENTER, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

RECORDED ON TAPE

Present: Jim Nankin, Chairman, Ira Kushner, Mike O'Donnell, Paul
Fracasse, Patrick Duffy and David Veleber

Staff Present: Bob Ceccolini

Absent: Karen Bertoni

Council Liaison: Absent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nankin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2012 MEETING

MOTION: Mr. Fracasse made a motion to accept the January 4, 2012 minutes.

MOVED: Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

COUNCIL LIAISON

None

Mr. Duffy arrived at 7:05 P.M.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Communications

Mr. Ceccolini said he has a letter from Mrs. Gale (Keith Gale's wife). Keith Gale used to be the watch dog regarding the budget for the Council, he has since passed away. She is requesting four memorial benches for her husband who died in September 2008. One at the linear trail, town hall, Mixville and Bartlem Park. Mr. Ceccolini noted the three benches for the areas along the trail, Mixville and Bartlem would need the P&R Commission's vote, the other bench requested in front of town hall would need the Council's approval. We maintain the area but we can't make the decision for that location.

Mr. Nankin requested Mr. Ceccolini call Mrs. Gale back and make sure the price they discussed is per bench on park grounds. The total is higher than what she may understand.

Mr. Nankin asked Mr. Ceccolini if more benches could fit on the linear trail without it looking too crowded?

Mr. Ceccolini said technically, no more are needed. The other areas mentioned would be nice places to put benches.

A decision will be TABLED until next month's meeting in order for Mr. Ceccolini to contact Mrs. Gale.

Recreation Person of the Year

Mr. Nankin talked about the people P&R wanted to nominate to the Commission members that may have been absent when the discussion took place.

MOTION: Mr. Nankin made a motion to nominate Joe Conte for Recreation Person of the Year.

MOVED: Mr. Duffy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Nankin asked Mr. Ceccolini if he could arrange to have the plaque made up. Mr. Ceccolini said he would contact Mr. Conte to have him attend next month's meeting.

Mr. Veleber arrived at 7:15 P.M.

Summer Concert Discussion

Mr. Ceccolini said there will be three concerts. He said he spoke to Al at Power Station and they are going to supply the power, lights and stage. He has not given the price yet. Al is working on a third group for us. The other two concerts are Eight-To-The-Bar and Aztec Two Step.

Mr. Veleber questioned what dates would the concerts be held on? Mr. Nankin said they would be on three Friday nights.

Mr. Ceccolini the two Friday dates would be July 20, July 27th and the August 3rd. Mr. Ceccolini also said P&R is looking to have a vocal act on first before the concert. Set for the 20th would be the theater; the high school kids do a radio show for the act before the concert. We are still looking for three sponsors.

Mr. Veleber talked about the pricing of the bands and the events. Mr. Ceccolini said he has not locked in but a third band is still needed.

Mr. O'Donnell questioned if extra police are needed for the shows? Mr. Nankin said a few officers would be needed for Eight-Two-The-Bar and Aztec Two Step.

Mr. Veleber questioned where the concerts would be set up? Mr. Ceccolini replied in the same area where the stage is set up at the fall festival looking out onto the field.

Mr. Veleber questioned what would happen if we didn't get any sponsors? Mr. Ceccolini said that would be a real big problem.

All sponsor information should be turned into Bob before anything is set up.

Pool Discussion

Mr. Nankin said he has been at the pool a couple of times in the last week. He said you notice a white, bright bubble when you walk in. Mr. Ceccolini said the riggers were there all day today.

Mr. Nankin said the support area is up and the bubble and the blower are quieter. He commented that the blower doesn't seem to be running as hard as it used to.

Mr. Ceccolini said it is much more powerful and efficient. The back-up generator does not blow heat over the top. The electrician said we do have a big enough generator but it isn't wired to do that. The generator is big enough to blow the heat and light up certain lights in the building in an emergency situation.

Mr. Nankin questioned what do we need to do to get the back-up generator to blow heat? Mr. Ceccolini said we need to have it wired properly.

Mr. Ceccolini said 32 lights are going up at the facility. This bubble goes up straighter than the other bubble that went up on an angle. Mr. Ceccolini said it is so bright in the facility. The bubble should stay cleaner now because of the cover. The holes line up fine and the cables are in. The diving boards need to come back and the railings.

Hopefully, the facility will open Tuesday or Wednesday of next week after the inspections are completed. There is a major YMCA swim meet next Friday; we hope to be open by then. We hope to have an opening swim before that.

The bubble is about 12 feet high on the sides; which cuts down on the glare.

Mr. Nankin talked about the bubble coming down and discussed the bubble storage building. Mr. Ceccolini said we would have a shed at Bartlem for the bubble. The price ranges that were bid were discussed by Commission members.

Mr. Ceccolini said the pool should be open next week. Everything looks good.

DOG PARK

Mr. Ceccolini said there is no new update on the dog park.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Mr. O'Donnell said lights at the south end parklet that light up the trees were discussed at the meeting. He said there are six lights to light up the trees and four of them are out.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Status

Mr. Ceccolini said there is a little concern about the piles of brush at Bartlem. No one was interested in the bid to have someone come in and dispose of the brush. He said he was told by the first of April the piles would be gone.

CYB is coming in next Wednesday to talk to Mr. Ceccolini about fields. Mr. Ceccolini said he has already met with the Wild Cats regarding softball fields. He is hoping lacrosse would get some time on the high school field, which would help them out. They have less time at Cheshire Academy compared to what they used to get.

Recreation Programs

Mr. Ceccolini said on-line registration has not started yet. There is a problem with the credit card company, which we hope will be resolved soon.

Staff is all set and kids are applying for summer jobs.

COMMISSIONER'S FORUM

Mr. Duffy and Mr. Fracasse wished everyone a happy new year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Duffy made a motion to adjourn.

MOVED: Mr. Veleber seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was passed unanimously by those present. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Attest:

Claudia J. Baron, Clerk
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