

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

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

Staff Present: Bob Ceccolini

Absent: Paul Fracasse, Ira Kushner and Mike O'Donnell

Council Liaison: Absent

Guests Present: Joe Conte and Family
Steve Berardi, Cheshire Soccer Club
Dave and Ellen Loura, Cheshire Soccer Club

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 February 1, 2012 MEETING

MOTION: Mr. Duffy made a motion to accept the February 1, 2012 minutes.

MOVED: Mr. Veleber seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

COUNCIL LIAISON

Mr. Nankin said the Council Liaison is not present tonight because he is at a Public Building Commission meeting regarding the bubble/pool.

Mr. Nankin said Mr. O'Donnell will be representing P&R on the Committee for the PBC.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Recreation Person of the Year

Mr. Nankin presented the Parks and Recreation Person of the Year plaque to Joe Conte. He said he hasn't given an award more deserving than Mr. Conte. He explained to Mr. Conte that he was chosen by the Parks and Recreation Commission to receive the award.

Mr. Conte said he appreciates the award given to him and appreciates that Cheshire was able to use the facility for the soccer tournament. He said the kids really enjoy the tournament. Mr. Conte thanked everyone who nominated him for the award.

A picture was taken with Mr. Conte, his family, Jim Nankin, Bob Ceccolini, Karen Bertoni, Patrick Duffy, Dave Veleber, all from the P&R Commission and Steve Berardi and Dave and Ellen Loura of the Cheshire Soccer Club.

Mr. Ceccolini said he has been at Parks and Recreation for over 18 years and when he met Mr. Conte he was President of the Cheshire Soccer Club. Mr. Ceccolini said it is a well deserved award given to the person who deserves it the most.

Communications

Mr. Ceccolini said the only communications he has is that Mrs. Gale does want to buy the five benches in memory of her husband, Keith Gale. She wants one outside of town hall, at Mixville, Bartlem and one or two on the trail.

MOTION: Mr. Veleber made a motion to approve the donation and dedications of five benches for Mrs. Gale.

MOVED: Ms. Bertoni seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Veleber questioned the location of the bench at town hall. Mr. Ceccolini said Mr. Milone will check on the location of that bench to see if it can be put in the location that Mrs. Gale desires.

Pool Discussion

Mr. Ceccolini since the reopening of the pool there has been dollar days and a lot of visitors on February break from school. More staff is required on dollar days.

Mr. Ceccolini said a lot of people have booked lessons; a lot of people came back. Reviews from people are that they think the facility is clean, the bubble looks good and it's quieter. A dehumidification system is needed.

Mr. Ceccolini said the dehumidification system would improve the air quality. Mr. Nankin said it would change the humidity in the building another five to ten percent.

Mr. Ceccolini said the humidity percentages should be around 60 percent. The readings we have now are 65 – 80 percent.

Mr. Ceccolini said the Meriden Fins are looking into having a P&R level swim team, a low-level recreation team. They are looking into it, nothing definite yet. Seventy percent of Cheshire kids are swimming there.

Summer Concerts

Mr. Ceccolini said July 20th is Aztec 2 Step, July 27th is Eight-To-The-Bar and the following Friday there isn't anyone yet.

DOG PARK

Mr. Ceccolini said the group is trying to raise money and their plans are ready to go. They are trying to get a grant from a local bank.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Mr. O'Donnell is absent tonight.

Mr. Ceccolini referred to the vaults at the parklet and said we have to plan on doing some plantings around the vault to hide their appearances. The vaults turned out to be raised when they should have been flush.

Mr. Nankin suggested planting something along the pull-off so the trucks don't go off the pull-off area.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Status

Mr. Ceccolini said the brush at Bartlem has been cleared off the lot and ended up at the transfer station.

Mr. Ceccolini informed the Commission that a company came in to test the two fields at Bartlem. They are testing for levels of clay, sand and silt. He said the town has mostly silt, a little bit of sand and a little bit of clay. He noted that the fields have lousy clay on them. There is a mix called Game Saver that costs \$10,000 to do both fields. CYB is paying \$4,000.

Recreation Programs

Mr. Ceccolini said the winter programs are winding down. The pamphlets are arriving at houses to join classes and sports. He said P&R will mention the on-line registration to people that call in to register.

The Council will meet for the next two weeks for the budget.

Clay Day for CYB is Saturday, March 31, 2012 where the dads redo the town fields.

COMMISSIONER'S FORUM

Mr. Duffy thanked Ms. Bertoni for the goodies she brought.

Ms. Bertoni thanked Mr. Ceccolini for doing an awesome job in P&R. She thanked Bob for his hard work and the staff's work.

Mr. Veleber said the same.

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 8:05 P.M.

Attest:

Claudia J. Baron, Clerk
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