

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M. AT BARTLEM  
PARK, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

Present: Jim Nankin, Chairman, Ira Kushner, Patrick Duffy, David Veleber  
and Paul Fracasse

Staff Present: Bob Ceccolini  
Sheila Adams  
Kevin Simmons  
Sandi Petela  
Cheryl Corey

Absent: Mike O'Donnell and Karen Bertoni  
Peter Talbot, Council Liaison

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Nankin called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Commission Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 11 MEETING**

MOTION: Mr. Veleber made a motion to accept the July 11, 2012 minutes.

MOVED: Mr. Fracasse seconded the motion.

Mr. Fracasse requested a change be made. He attended the meeting on July 11 but his name is not among those present on the first page. He requested his name be added to Page 1.

MOTION: Mr. Veleber made a motion to accept the July 11, 2012 minutes as corrected.

MOVED: Mr. Duffy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The vote passed unanimously by those present.

**COUNCIL LIASION**

Council Liaison absent, no report given.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### Communications

Mr. Nankin said he received communications.

Mr. Ceccolini said there are two requests for memorial benches.

The location of the two benches would be in the parks.

The first request is from Staci Miller of Cheshire who would like to purchase a memorial bench for her nephew, Dylan, who passed at the age of 15. She would like the bench so her family has a place to visit and feel closer to him.

The second request is from Laura Lupoli of Cheshire in memory of her parents Elvira "Vera" Lupoli and Anthony "Tony" Lupoli. She has requested the bench for the trail where they used to walk together.

MOTION: Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the installation of the two benches.

MOVED: Mr. Fracasse seconded the motion.

VOTE: The vote passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Ceccolini said he had a communication from someone on Web track. The person said they loved the summer music, the band was fantastic and to keep up the good work.

Mr. Nankin asked the Commission members what they thought about the new layout for the concerts and the new location. The Commission members all agreed that it was a great change and the concerts should stay at Bartlem Park.

Mr. Ceccolini said the parking was easier for the concerts and the lighting was nice to have.

Mr. Duffy said he also liked the new locations.

Mr. Nankin said he wants to continue it for next year also. The only problem was P&R was never mentioned on the Community calendar.

Mr. Ceccolini said he would like more Cheshire people in attendance. The third concert is scheduled for this Friday night at 7:30 P.M, Aztec Two Step.

Mr. Veleber questioned the new location and if it worked for Eight To The Bar? Mr. Ceccolini replied that we could hold 7,000 people at Bartlem. Mr. Nankin said there as many people in attendance of their concert this year as there was last year at Cheshire Park.

Mr. Duffy questioned if having the concerts on Friday nights is a good idea with people heading out of town on Fridays.

Mr. Nankin said he thinks it's okay but would like the Cheshire Patch to know of the concerts so people in Cheshire are alerted thru e-mail.

Mr. Fracasse also mentioned that the weather wasn't that good this summer.

### Pool Discussion

Sheila Adams said the facility had a great summer this year. The lessons were great and people were coming and going.

There were 334 new passes and 456 renewed passes. From February 1<sup>st</sup> to now there are 790 seasonal/yearly passes.

There were 149,831 new passes and 7,915 daily passes. We are 2,000 more in a day, double in yearly and seasonal.

Ms. Adams said we do not have to do the dehumidification. We are looking at a lot less cost, below the referendum amount if we bring in more outside air; a unit within the unit we have. It would be a cheaper alternative. The Town Council is aware of this.

Mr. Nankin said assuming we get the equipment, what is the time frame for installation? Ms. Adams said she does not know but it would be eight weeks to manufacture the unit.

Mr. Ceccolini said we close the pool on Friday and the bubble process starts next week. The whole process takes about two weeks.

### **DOG PARK**

Mr. Ceccolini said the group received permission from the town to install a sign stating the proposed location.

### **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

No report given.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### Park Status

Kevin Simmons said he is installing the fence along Bartlem Park and is not finished yet.

Cheryl Corey spoke to the Commission regarding the on-line registration for this summer. She stated the on-line registration for the pool begins in the fall. The system is getting better and better. Everyday there are new people that use the system and register on-line.

Ms. Adams said she does not see who is registering on-line for the pool and wanted to know if she could see that information.

Ms. Corey said she would ask Elizabeth.

### Recreation Programs

Sandi Petela works closely with the children's theater. She said it was full this summer and they plan on having a camp next year and have a big production. She said they had people interested in starting with theater.

Ms. Petela said she had a meeting with the Assistant Principal of CHS, the Head Custodian and Mr. Ceccolini. They will be back next year with a play with a fall production and keep the theater camp. She noted that a flyer is being created to be handed out at the fall festival.

Ms. Petela said this is the first year P&R did a float in the Memorial Day parade. We will have a booth at the fall festival.

### Capital Budget

Mr. Ceccolini said P&R received \$60,000 for equipment replacement. He said they have started ordering three riding mowers.

Mr. Ceccolini said the trail and improvements to the parks were all accepted and part of the five-year plan. The trail would be a referendum item.

## **COMMISSIONER'S FORUM**

Mr. Nankin said Mr. Kushner's daughter is going to Smith College and starting off as a short stop.

Mr. Fracasse said he would see everyone Saturday at the fall festival.

Mr. Duffy said it has been another great picnic.

Mr. Ceccolini said the band will play at the high school west gym if it rains.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Veleber made a motion to adjourn.

**MOVED:** Mr. Duffy seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion was passed unanimously by those present. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Attest:

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Claudia J. Baron, Clerk

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