

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. AT YOUTH  
CENTER, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

Present: Jim Nankin, Chairman, Ira Kushner, Mike O'Donnell and Karen Bertoni

Staff Present: Bob Ceccolini

Council Present: Peter Talbot

Absent: Dave Veleber, Patrick Duffy and Paul Fracasse

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Commission Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mixville Park

Mr. Nankin said there was a meeting between Bob Ceccolini, Michael Milone and Bob DeJongh (Inland Wetlands). Mr. DeJongh requested permission to come to our meeting and address the Commission for 5-10 minutes. Mr. Nankin said he will be present at the January, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Nankin said there isn't any animosity between any of the departments. Mr. Nankin said he doesn't understand why the situation had to come down to a Cease and Desist instead of someone giving us a phone call and telling us to get down to Mixville quickly to see what was happening. There will be no more pruning anymore unless a permit is obtained. In regards to the Boy Scout projects, they will still do projects but will have to be supervised more.

Mr. Ceccolini handed out a report that was done by MMI dated November 20, 2012. The report is regarding Mixville Park Pond Margin Restoration Project with environmental assessment and recommendations.

Mr. Nankin said Bob DeJongh is the Regulatory Commission.

Mr. Nankin spoke about Mixville how a long time ago it was one pond and now it is two. It was cleared all the way around. People used to fish in the back and now they can't anymore.

Mr. Nankin talked about permits regarding Mixville. He said they told Bob Else he needed permits but it wasn't reflected in the minutes. Mr. Nankin said he apologized for that error.

Mr. Ceccolini told the Commission if they read the report from MMI, everything is stable and everything will grow back.

Mr. Ceccolini said P&R planted the seed mix that they wanted two weeks ago.

Mr. O'Donnell questioned how often the clearing has taken place before? Mr. Ceccolini replied once a year.

### Communications

Mr. Nankin said the only communications is with regards to Mixville.

### Pool Discussion

Mr. Ceccolini said White Bowman is the HVAC technician we have; they come 4 to 5 times a week. Everything is working out well, just a few minor issues. He said the drains on the deck don't drain as well and the traps are clogged. There is a leak spot under the deck at the kiddies' pool; it has been shut down and we have to find out where the break is.

Mr. Nankin asked if there have been tests on the drain. Mr. Ceccolini replied yes.

Mr. Ceccolini said the PBC (Public Building Commission) is unhappy with the submittals for the dehumidification project. The project went back out to bid. There were miscommunications from the last bid and it has been corrected for the second bid.

There was a discussion regarding the cost per week to operate the facility without the maintainer person. The maintainer position is a 52-week job.

Mr. Ceccolini said P&R requested a maintainer last year and we did not get that approved. He said he would expect them to do the functions that we need for the position. He said he knows of one person that is interested in the position.

Mr. Ceccolini said the teams are coming in and the lessons are full.

Mr. Nankin requested an update from Mr. Ceccolini for an update on income for the next meeting.

### Recreation Person of the Year

There was a brief discussion on ideas of names that could be possible candidates.

Mr. Nankin said the reward could be a shared reward and not just for one person. The award is for someone who furthered recreation for the town.

## **COUNCIL LIAISON**

Mr. Talbot said he has nothing P&R related.

## **DOG PARK**

Mr. Ceccolini said the group is up to \$13,000 in fundraisers. The sign for the future home of the dog park is going up in about a week.

Mr. Nankin asked Mr. Talbot if the Town could set up a gift fund for the dog park to help them get to the top.

Mr. Ceccolini said people will stay active with police, rules, etc. P&R will be in the dog park every two weeks to mow. He said if we had the money we could finish the project and get it going in a couple of weeks or months.

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

Mr. Ceccolini said the Commission wants to know if we are opposed to the Cusa Dogwoods they want to use. Mr. Ceccolini said Alderson Funeral Home was asked if we can put a few of these dog woods in their yards.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### Park Status

Mr. Ceccolini said the irrigation systems have been cleared out.

Mr. Ceccolini informed the Commission that there was a big bicycle race in November, a cross country race. He said several people sent thank-you e-mails right after the race.

Mr. Ceccolini said the cameras are working at Bartlem. He said P&R is looking into a portable camera that would be solar powered to put in any location in town. People are stealing things at Bartlem, Mixville and the pool. Mr. Ceccolini said a problem area in town with kids is the library.

Recreation Programs

Mr. Ceccolini said basketball started last Saturday. Men's basketball started tonight.

Mr. Ceccolini said the west gym at the high school needs repairs to the roof. He said P&R has huge programs there on Saturdays and there are 20 teams at the high school level. Mark Wren is the Commissioner of basketball. Mr. Ceccolini said one of the biggest programs is the winter basketball.

Mr. Ceccolini informed the Commission the winter flyer is in the Cheshire Citizen to be distributed to all Cheshire residents. He said people are using the on-line registration more and more.

Mr. Ceccolini said P&R is now hard wired. The IT guy said trees were overgrown and blocked the signals coming into the building.

Mr. Ceccolini informed the Commission the next time they meet he will have the budget completed. The equipment for P&R has been moved out of our budget and put into the capital non-rolling stock.

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2012 MEETING**

MOTION: Ms. Bertoni made a motion to accept the November 14, 2012 minutes.

MOVED: Mr. Kushner seconded the motion.

VOTE: All were in favor of the vote which passed unanimously by those present.

**COMMISSIONER'S FORUM**

Mr. Kushner wished everyone happy holidays.

Ms. Bertoni said it has been a pleasure for another good year with P&R.

Mr. Nankin thanked Ms. Bertoni for all the cookies and goodies she has brought in this year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy New Year and a safe Cuanza.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOVED:** Ms. Bertoni seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion was passed unanimously by those present. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Attest:

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Claudia J. Baron, Clerk  
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