

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE PARKS
AND RECREATION GARAGE, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

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

Council Present: Peter Talbot

Staff Absent: Bob Ceccolini

Absent: Karen Bertoni and Paul Fracasse

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING

MOTION: Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to accept the December 5, 2012 minutes.

MOVED: Mr. Kushner seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed 3 to 2 with two abstentions from Mr. Veleber and Mr. Duffy
because they were not present for the December meeting..

Mr. Duffy wanted to know if he or other Commission members had to be listed as absent or
excused. When he calls in to say he will not be at a meeting, isn't that considered excused?

Mr. Nankin replied if the absence is excused then there is nothing to worry about. They would
address it if it becomes a problem and the absences weren't excused ones.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Communications

None.

Pool Discussion

Mr. Nankin referred to the discussion that was brought up regarding the pool's revenue and handed out a sheet pertaining to this titled Pool Revenue Comparison.

Mr. Nankin said the programs are full and mechanically the pool is in shape. He said we cannot compare anything to last year because there was no bubble on the pool. He noted the dehumidification is being redone and the bid was sent out again.

There was a brief discussion regarding the figures on the sheet that were handed out to Commission members.

Mr. Duffy asked Mr. O'Donnell if some of the fees were for installation. Mr. O'Donnell referred to the dehumidification and said the bubble has to be up to reshape the bubble. It has to be done right before you take the bubble down or put the bubble up.

Mr. Duffy wanted to know how long the bubble is warranted for. Mr. Duffy said when the bubble is down you are losing four or five months and you are not using that. Why knock the warranty off those four or five months.

Mr. O'Donnell said they would like it put in before the bubble is up in case there is a problem with the bubble for the winter.

Mr. Nankin suggested we put it in and take the bubble down and restart the warranty clock when the bubble goes up instead of losing the months as previously noted.

Mr. O'Donnell said he could keep that in mind and see what could be done. The bid that went out is the same plan but more specific. He said he has to wait to see until all the bids come in.

Mr. Nankin asked if there are any differences with the bids than what they had before. Mr. O'Donnell said he hasn't seen the first bid so he has nothing to compare the bid to.

Recreation Person of the Year

This has been TABLED until the February 2013 meeting.

Bob DeJongh, Inland Wetlands

Mr. DeJongh didn't attend the meeting.

COUNCIL LIAISON

Mr. Talbot said the PBC is ready to go out to bid on that again.

Mr. Talbot said regarding the dog park; he hasn't put in a formal request but we will revisit that. He referred to what was previously discussed about asking the Council to help give the additional \$12,000 - \$13,000 from the town to help the dog park.

Mr. Nankin said he receives publications from Cheshire Magazine. The Commission never heard of this magazine except for Mr. Duffy. Mr. Nankin referred to a question that was asked in the magazine and answered that the linear park would be completed in 2015.

Mr. Talbot said the engineer work is out for our section of West Main to Jarvis. The State is from Jarvis to Southington and Cornwall (the middle section) should be the State as well.

Mr. Nankin referred to the expense on the engineering's part from West Main to Jarvis and wanted to know why the figure would be so high. Mr. Duffy said there is a lot of water in that section; which would bump up the cost.

Mr. Nankin noted the letter to the Cheshire Herald regarding the history of Mixville Park was a well written letter.

DOG PARK

There was nothing to report.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Mr. O'Donnell said the awards are coming out in February for local businesses from the Beautification Commission. P&R has been recognized in the past.

Mr. O'Donnell said the boy scouts that did the barrels on the town green are now doing the barrels of flowers on West Main Street.

Mr. O'Donnell said there are openings for the Beauty Spots of the Month if anyone has any suggestions.

Mr. Nankin noted the highway exit off of 691 always look nice. Mr. O'Donnell replied Dietrich takes care of that area. They change the plantings approximately three times a year and are a lot of work to do that. Mr. O'Donnell talked about some other areas around town that other businesses sponsor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Status

Mr. Nankin said everything is running as normal. P&R is maintaining equipment. Work is being done at the Youth Center and painting at Arts Place and the Yellow House.

Recreation Programs

No report given.

Mr. Duffy wanted to know if plowing was done on the linear trail. Mr. Nankin replied the trail is ½ done. Hamden or Meriden didn't plow. Mr. Nankin said the crew does all the sidewalks and all the parklets. He said PW does Bartlem.

COMMISSIONER'S FORUM

Mr. Duffy wished everyone a happy new year as did Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Veleber.

Mr. Kushner wished everyone happy holidays.

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 7:40 P.M.

Attest:

Claudia J. Baron, Clerk

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