Present: Jim Nankin, Chairman, Patrick Duffy, Paul Fracasse, Karen Bertoni and Ira Kushner

Staff Present: Bob Ceccolini, Kevin Simmons

Guests Present: Chief Michael Cruess, Cheshire Police Department

Absent: Steve Trifone and Rich Pulisciano

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nankin called the meeting to order at 6:50 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 2010 MEETING

Mr. Fracasse had a change to Page 7 on the bottom; it should read that his daughter is a C.I.T. not his son.

MOTION: Mr. Duffy made a motion to accept the July 7, 2010 minutes as corrected.

MOVED: Ms. Bertoni seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

COUNCIL LIAISON

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None
CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Communications

There were no communications shared.

Pool Discussion

Mr. Ceccolini informed the Commission that the pool closes on September 10. He said Mike Roach will be there on September 13 and the preliminary work is done.

Mr. Ceccolini said the pool had big numbers for July’s usage and August was a little slower. The figures included the day passes.

Mr. Nankin asked if it also included the seasonal passes. Mr. Ceccolini replied some seasonal passes but mostly the day passes.

Ms. Bertoni asked if a corporate rate is given to rent the pool. She said her family is renting Bartlem but was told they would have to pay individually to get into the pool. Mr. Ceccolini said P&R does give breaks for large parties as when Lacrosse had their Jamboree. He said they could think about putting group/corporate rates in the brochure.

Mr. Ceccolini informed the Commission that the venting system was not installed between the revolving door and the lobby. He said they have to ask the Council for the remaining money that is left in the account.

Capital Budget

Mr. Ceccolini said a pool cover was added in the capital budget in the next two years. He said we would probably have to reline or buy a new bubble. Mr. Ceccolini said P&R is getting a tractor and a storage building at Bartlem Park.

There was a discussion among Commission members and Chief Cruess regarding paving of the town roads, road designs and traffic along Route 10.

Mr. Ceccolini told Chief Cruess he has been wonderful to work with and very cooperative. People get a quick response from the Chief and he has been a pleasure to work with and will be missed greatly. Chief Cruess has been on the force 30 years in July.
MOTION: Mr. Nankin made a motion that P&R thank Chief Cruess for his service and the help he has given P&R over the years.

MOVED: Mr. Duffy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by those present.

WEST MAIN STREET “STREETSCAPE” COMMITTEE

There was a brief discussion regarding the installation of the sidewalks that is presently taking place on West Main Street.

DOG PARK

Mr. Nankin discussed a dog park he had seen in Ohio where the membership annually is $350. The park is beautiful and well maintained. It is privately owned and operated.

Ms. Bertoni said an ad was placed in the Cheshire Herald to acquire new people; the dog park is kind of quiet now.

Ms. Bertoni informed the Commission the Dog Park will have a booth at the Fall Festival.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

None given.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Park Status

Mr. Ceccolini said Chuck Sherwood did a nice job on Quinnipiac with the organics and fertilizing. Quinnipiac Park is heavily used. The fertilizer came in nice. There is one large field by the water treatment plant.

Mr. Duffy referred to West Main Street and said the company poured cement walks then they put bricks on top of asphalt. Chief Cruess said they could be replacing what is already there.
Mr. Fracasse wanted to know if there have been any complaints near the linear trail. He said people that use the trail do not stop when they are approaching a major road they just enter without looking or stopping. He said it is very dangerous.

Chief Cruess said there hasn’t been complaints but did clarify that North Brooksvale is a state road. There are signs in the middle of the road to caution drivers and people using the trail.

Mr. Ceccolini informed the Commission that Cheshire Jr. Football has moved back to Cheshire Park. The concession stand is open and alot of games were moved to Bartlem Park.

Mr. Ceccolini referred to Mixville Park and said the new playground has been installed. A bocce court was installed and the volleyball court at the bottom of the sledding hill. The poles for the volleyball net are removable for winter. People came and helped this year in painting grills, benches, bathrooms, etc. P&R had a good clean up day.

Mr. Ceccolini said P&R received the $250,000 grant for the linear trail. The Town has to decide what part of the trail they want to do next; Dalton, West Main Street or go the north where Southington finished their trail.

Recreation Programs

The P&R brochures are online. Mr. Ceccolini said making the post cards cost more than the brochures but because of the number needed we are still saving money.

Mr. Ceccolini said P&R is ready for the fall programs. The last fiscal year was more than was predicted, it was a good year.

Mr. Ceccolini said the P&R staff is absent tonight and they are a great staff with a lot of experience. They work hard. Mr. Ceccolini spoke of Kevin and said he does a great job also.

COMMISSIONER’S FORUM

Mr. Duffy gave thanks to the Chief for all his help. He said his grandson loves Mixville.

Ms. Bertoni said hail to the Chief.

Mr. Kushner said thanks for the food.

Mr. Nankin said thank you to Chief Cruess for all the years he has contributed. P&R wishes him a lot of luck and hope everyone had a great summer.
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Duffy made a motion to adjourn.

MOVED: Ms. Bertoni seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was passed unanimously by those present. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Attest:

Claudia J. Baron, Clerk