

Minutes of April 11, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. Members present Darren Netto, Rich Labbe, Bob Norris, Todd Annis, Mike Tedone and Dave Farr, Recreation Director.

Minutes of March meeting read. Motion to approve minutes as read made by Mike Tedone. Motion seconded by Bob Norris. Minutes approved. All in favor.

Scout Taylor Starbird, accompanied by his father, Rich Starbird presented to Commission proposal for renovation project to Spring Park as an Eagle Scout project. Taylor distributed packet consisting of eleven renovation suggestions along with a power point presentation of the park and the proposed improvements. Taylor will continue his move forward with his proposal to the CT. River Council and the district scout committee. Mr. Farr stated a meeting will need to be set up along with public works to discuss materials and labor matters. Motion made by Bob Norris to have Taylor Starbird meet with Director Lapen at Public Works in order to proceed further on his Eagle Scout Spring Park project as presented. Motion seconded by Mike Tedone. Motion passed. All in favor.

Mr. Farr reported no response to date from Board of Ed. regarding policy update. Mr. Farr to pursue further.

Mr. Farr discussed with Commission various organizations currently using town hall gym facility. Dave suggested requiring a \$150.00 fee per season or a \$25 per night fee with the ability of the Parks & Rec. Dept. to cap the fee. Mr. Norris made motion to charge a fee for Windsor Locks based groups of \$25.00 per night or \$150.00 per season with a \$250.00 capped charge for use of town hall gym. Motion seconded by Todd Annis. All in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion held regarding light fee increases possibly due to more wattage use and rates increasing. Bid opening to begin Wednesday 4/13 for Bob O'Connor monument project. Mr. Netto and Mr. Labbe

will open and close skate park for upcoming week along with any cleaning necessary along outside perimeter of fencing.

Mr. Farr reported on account deficit in water and reported on electricity account. Mr. Farr suggested proposing increases to summer pool account for next year. Retirement of rec. director position to be end of October. Discussion of various CL&P accounts to be paid in full. Summer concert series in place. Large numbers for spring soccer programs , running out of accommodating soccer fields. Report on upcoming Fishing Derby and Shriner's Day circus.

Commission reviewed finalized 5-yr plan received from Board of Finance. Dave reviewed with Commission the new lighting wattage improvements to VMP baseball field. Mr. Netto reported on Denslow Park diamond in need of work. Mr. Norris reported on much graffiti at VMP.

Rich Labbe made motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Mike Tedone. All in favor.