

**WINDSOR LOCKS PARK COMMISSION**

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2013, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, Old VNA Office

**Commissioners present:** Todd Annis, Rich Labbe, Chairman Darren Netto, Bob Norris, Dan Squires, and Director David Wrabel

**Also Present:** John Ahern, Scott Caldon, Karen Doody, Kathy Doody, Mark Doody, Julie Hugo, Mark Hugo, MaryAnn Liss, Dawn Sopelak, Joe Strong, Tommy Tomalonis, Steve Wawruck, Terry Wichniewicz

1) **Meeting Called to Order** – Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2) **Public Input – Pesci Concession Stand**

John Ahern requested that commissioners reconsider vote to move the concession stand at Pesci Park. Kathy Doody noted the upgrades that were done to the current concession stand and that the concession stand should not be moved. Todd Annis mentioned that request to move the concession stand originated with Little League representatives concerned about safety. Little League representatives at this meeting noted that measures have been taken to slow traffic in the area using cones in the street during games. Safety issues were also discussed concerning people running into the street to retrieve foul balls. Steve Wawruck mentioned that issues have always been the health code and safety and also noted that it took seven years to get this request into the budget since it is hard to get money approved; also, there will probably be a time when the concession stand will move. There were also comments about closing down a portion of the street while games are in session. The public (people who spoke at the meeting are referenced in the above attendance box “Also Present”) opinion was to leave the concession stand where it is today.

Bob Norris is on Little League as safety officer. The park commissioners discussed information presented during public input. Safety needs to be increased. Therefore, the park commissioners have decided to institute an annual review on whether or not to move the concession stand and the Little League president will need to come to the park commission meeting in January of each year (beginning with January, 2014). The results of the meeting are:

- a) Little League does not need to move the concession stand at this time.
- b) Pavilion will be renovated anyway.
- c) Signs will be posted indicating “no skateboards” and “no bicycles”
- d) Little League must designate one adult for every game as “field marshal” for Pesci I.

**MOTION: To have an annual review of the location of the concession stand, invite the Little League president to the January, 2014 meeting and enact the above 4 items (section 2a-d).**

**Dan Squires**

**Seconded by Rich Labbe**

**Motion passed unanimously**

3) **Minutes** – The minutes of the regular meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> were read.

**MOTION: To move Minutes to #3 on agenda and Public Input to #2 on agenda.**

**Bob Norris**

**Seconded by Rich Labbe**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: To accept the minutes as read.**

**Rich Labbe**

**Seconded by Dan Squires**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

4) **Old Business**

- a) **Capital Improvements** – Everything is in the proposal. The playscape at Southwest Family Park is in bad shape.
- b) **Field Use Cost Review** – Fees will not be charged, per Pat King.
- c) **Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget** – Received full funding.

- 5) **New Business**  
a) **New Programs** – Flag football pilot in the spring. Also considering Lacrosse and Adult Kick Ball.  
**MOTION:** Use Park and Recreation name to run flag football  
**Bob Norris** **Seconded by Todd Annis**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
- 6) **Correspondence** – Discussed request from Dennis Gragnolati to support Dollars for Scholars auction.  
**MOTION:** Windsor Locks Dollars for Scholars is requesting auction naming rights for walking path from Southwest Avenue to South Elm Street, to be held each year going forward; Windsor Locks Dollars for Scholars organization will auction a name every year and name of path will be censored by Park and Recreation Commission.  
**Todd Annis** **Seconded by Bob Norris**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
- 7) **Report From Recreation Director** –  
a) Basketball season wrapped up.  
b) Movie night (Wreck-It Ralph) at town hall on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> was successful with 150 kids in attendance.  
c) Seeking grant to install picnic area on Windsor Locks canal path.
- 8) **Report from Chairman** - None.
- 9) **Report From Commissioners** – For next month's agenda, change park assignments amongst commissioners.  
a) Bel-Aire Park – need to paint benches (reported by Bob Norris).  
b) Circle Drive Park – OK (reported by Todd Annis).  
c) Denslow Park – soccer field has ruts from cars (reported by Darren Netto).  
d) Green Manor Park – dustbowl field (reported by Rich Labbe).  
e) Juniper Park – need to paint benches (reported by Dan Squires).  
f) Noden Reed – no additional complaints (reported by Rich Labbe).  
g) Pesci Park – going along OK with lights and signs (reported by Dan Squires).  
h) Reed Park - REPLACE 3<sup>rd</sup> base benches on baseball diamond (reported by Darren Netto).  
i) Veteran's Park – looks good (reported by Bob Norris).
- 10) **Meeting Adjourned**  
**MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 9:25 p.m.**  
**Rich Labbe** **Seconded by Dan Squires**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Next meeting: Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jennifer Dearborn**  
**Recording Secretary**