

WINDSOR LOCKS PARK COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, Park Office

Commissioners present: Todd Annis, Paul Ciarcia, Rich Labbe, Bob Norris, Dan Squires and Director David Wrabel

Also Present: John Ahern, Bill Sartori

- 1) **Meeting Called to Order** – Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the regular meeting on February 10, 2014 were read.
MOTION: To accept the minutes as read.
Dan Squires **Seconded by Rich Labbe**
Motion passed unanimously
- 3) **Public Input** – None.
- 4) **Old Business** –
 - a) **Windsor Locks Little League Repair Requests** – John Ahern, representing Little League, discussed a list of “park fixes” for softball or baseball fields at Reed Park, Southwest Family Park, Pesci Park and Denslow Park. Mr. Ahern thanked board for keeping snack shack in current location. In addition, a request was made to apply grass seed in outfield at Pesci Park. (List of “park fixes” as received from Little League on March 17, 2014 is included below).
MOTION: Little League will work in conjunction with public works and park and recreation director to put list of fixes into phases with safety concerns listed first. A list of timelines will be provided to the park and recreation secretary for the meeting minutes.
Rich Labbe **Seconded by Todd Annis**
Motion passed unanimously
 - b) **Budget 2014/15** – Steve Wawruck said budget appears to have passed as presented; waiting for notification of final approval.
 - c) **Capital Improvements** – Appears all requests will be approved.
- 5) **New Business**
 - a) **Park Conversion** – Discussed information Dave Wrabel obtained from discussion with town planner. At next meeting, Commissioners will provide ideas for conversion of Woodland Park in addition to status of use of their respective parks.
- 6) **Correspondence** – None.
- 7) **Report From Recreation Director** – Basketball season and indoor soccer season ended. Planning summer concert series and summer camp.
- 8) **Report from Chairman** – None.
- 9) **Report From Commissioners** – At Veteran’s Park, it was a good season for having an ice skating rink including frequent use and icing 2/3 of rink worked well (reported by Bob Norris).

All other parks are under snow.

- 10) **Meeting Adjourned**
MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 8:08 p.m.
Todd Annis **Seconded by Paul Ciarcia**
Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dearborn
Recording Secretary

List of "park fixes" as received from Little League Organization on March 17, 2014:

Fixes needed this year before the season start (April 18, 2014):

1. Finish fixing and leveling the infield at Pesci 1. TOWN
2. Fix the hole in the home/first base dugout at Reed softball field. LL or TOWN
3. Hang sportsmanship signs (supplied by Little League) at all baseball/softball fields. LL
4. Hang NO STANDING signs (supplied by Little League) on the first 3 sections of the fence near each dugout at Reed softball field. LL
5. Spray for the bee issue in the dugouts at Reed softball field and Pesci 1 baseball field. LL or Town
6. Adding a larger job-box (supplied by Little League) to the field at Southwest Family Park softball field. LL
7. Install breakaway bases (already supplied by Little League). TOWN
8. Re-grade entire dirt area of field at Southwest Family Park softball field. TOWN
9. Install moveable pitcher's mound (supplied by Little League) at Southwest Family Park softball field like what we have at Reed Park softball field. TOWN
10. New flag pole rope for Pesci. Rope to be able to hold American flag and State of Connecticut flag if possible. TOWN
11. Install new speakers at Pesci 1. LL
12. Fix bleacher on Pesci 2 with additional cleanup of dirt under the bleacher to be done before the end of the year. TOWN
13. New board need for Pesci 2 bleacher. TOWN
14. New sitting area boards in the dugouts at Pesci 1 & 2 and Reed baseball field. TOWN
15. Redo the pitching mound at Pesci 1 & 2 to include raised mound. TOWN
16. Install banners on the fence at Pesci 1. LL

Fixes needed this year before the end of the calendar year (December 31, 2014):

1. Repaint the chains and posts by the shank shack. LL
2. Repaint the foul poles on all fields. LL
3. Temporary fix to the flooding problem with the 1st base dugout at Pesci 1. TOWN
4. Fix fence in some locations at Pesci 1 & 2 and Reed baseball field. TOWN
5. Fix some grandstand boards at Pesci 1. TOWN. Little League will take care of painting if needed.
6. Install additional safety screening on top of the fence on the Center Street side of Pesci 1. TOWN
7. Start at the end of fall baseball redoing and leveling Pesci 2. TOWN

Fixes need for next year (2015):

1. Install additional fencing around both dugouts on both fields to create safe and secure environment at Pesci 1 & 2. TOWN
2. Level the ground around the third base dugout at Reed Park baseball field. TOWN

Fixes needed for the year after (2016): Bleachers for the third base visitor's sides at Reed softball field, also on the first base side at Southwest Family Park softball field. TOWN

Fixes needed in the year (2017):

1. Add a safe warm up area for the pitchers to include a mound at Reed softball field, Pesci 1 & 2, Reed baseball field. TOWN
2. Covered dugouts at Southwest Family Park softball field. TOWN or LL
3. Install a fixed fenced-in area for a pitching/hitting machine practice area. Approximately 15' x 60'. LL

Other:

What is the possibility of turning Denslow Park into a 50/70 field?