

THE TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS - PARK COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, Park Office

Commissioners present: Todd Annis, Paul Ciarcia, Glenn Flanders, Scott Nolan, Chairman Bob Norris, and Director David Wrabel

Also Present: Chris Kervick, Hal Larson

- 1) **Meeting Called to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
MOTION: To move agenda item 5a to follow “meeting called to order”.
Todd Annis **Seconded by Scott Nolan**
Motion passed unanimously
- 5a) **New Business – River Road Boat Launch/Fishing Platform** – Chris Kervick presented information that town owns river front property that can be navigated but currently there is not boat access to the river; discussion about developing a park that would perhaps include (1) car top boat launch and (2) handicap accessible fishing pier. There is a possibility for state grant to fund part of project. Park Commissioners will research opportunity and then discuss feasibility of project following visit to area.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the regular meeting on March 14, 2016 were read.
MOTION: To accept the minutes as read.
Scott Nolan **Seconded Paul Ciarcia**
Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) **Public Input** – Hal Larson inquired about Reed Park junior field, specifically building up 3rd base dugout to ground level. Park Commissioners discussed history of this situation and prior efforts to rebuild dugout; the earliest this project could be considered for CIAC budget is 2017/18.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) **Capital Improvements Update** – Two projects, Pesci Park lights and Refurbishment of Southwest Basketball Court, are in the budget.
 - b) **2016/17 Park Budget** – Discussed budget and no effect to Park Commission. Town budget hearing is tomorrow, Tuesday 4/12/2016 and Park Director (David Wrabel) will attend.
- 5) **New Business**
 - a) **River Road Boat Launch/Fishing Platform** – This agenda item moved to beginning of meeting.
- 6) **Correspondence** – None.
- 7) **Report From Recreation Director** – Jennifer Rodriguez requested that Commissioners consider grant available for passive recreation area in Pesci Park. Commissioners discussed request. Summer concert series schedule is complete. Day Camp registration opened last week; everyone applying for summer staff will complete a questionnaire. Meeting on Thursday to discuss plans for canal picnic area. Budget hearing tomorrow, 4/12/2016.
MOTION: To have David Wrabel, Park Director, speak with Jennifer Rodriguez to give OK to pursue grant application for Pesci Park.
Todd Annis **Seconded Glenn Flanders**
Motion passed unanimously.
- 8) **Report from Chairman** – Tree removed from Veteran's Park. The Park Commission thanks Public Works Department for quick action in taking down diseased tree at Veteran's Park. Also at Veteran's Park, grass did not take near short stop. Discussions about future procedures for this park that will provide opportunity for grass to grow, perhaps shut down field after September 30th and use Reed Park for kids' games in Spring. Ahern Park has equipment that needs to be replaced since paint will not adhere to hobby horse and other equipment needs paint.

9) **Report from Commissioners – (a) Bel-Aire Park** – damage to playscape, reported by Scott Nolan. **(b)Southwest Family Park** – Swings have been replaced. **Woodland Park** – no change therefore fence in back still needs repair, reported by Paul Ciarcia. **(c)Circle Park** – status unchanged. **Spring Park** – need to freshen up park fence and other equipment, reported by Todd Annis.

10) **Meeting Adjourned**

MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Scott Nolan

Seconded by Paul Ciarcia

Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jennifer Dearborn
Recording Secretary**