

WINDSOR LOCKS PARK COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, Park Office

Commissioners present:	Paul Ciarcia, Glenn Flanders, Scott Nolan, Chairman Bob Norris, and Director David Wrabel
Commissioners absent:	Jay Farrelly, Andrew Hebebrand
Also Present:	Mike Erickson, Mark Mona

- 1) **Meeting Called to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bob Norris.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes of the regular meeting on March 11, 2019 were read.
MOTION: To accept the minutes as read for the regular meeting on March 11, 2019.
Glenn Flanders **Seconded by Scott Nolan**
Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) **Public Input** – Mike Erickson checking on status of 50/70 baseball field. Discussed use of Southwest Family Park, relocation of softball which can be played at different fields, practice would start first week of June and goal is to have Spring, Summer and Fall leagues, Suffield and East Windsor want to join. In addition, noted that infield needs grass and need to replace mound (which is already in Park Office and ready for installation). Director mentioned that baseball practice would need to schedule around Wednesday activity already at park.
MOTION: To convert Southwest Family Park softball to 50/70 baseball field.
Scott Nolan **Seconded by Glenn Flanders**
Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Erickson and Mark Mona want to get sponsors for solar powered scoreboard for Pesci II; probably best location for solar scoreboard is where poles are currently located. Commissioners indicated that conduit for planned light path should also be run to support scoreboard for possible future use. Project work planned to begin after completion of summer day camp at Pesci Park. Also updated commissioners about ongoing fundraising for batting cages at Pesci Park and chain link fence that will be installed to protect batting cages.

- 4) **Old Business** –
 - a) **Little League Batting Cages** – Discussed during public input.
 - b) **Veteran’s Memorial Park-Chapman Monument** – Commissioners are waiting for company quotes. Discussed location of sign and options other than hanging sign from pavilion. Bob Norris will provide update to Ed Sabotka and Director, Chairman and Mr. Sabotka will assess location options at park.
 - c) **Park Conversion** – Reviewed status of research; Chairman noted that every park needs to be kept in respectable condition; commissioners will consider different recreational uses for the park.
 - d) **2019/2020 Budget** – After appeal, staff raises approved. Next step in process is town meeting and town vote. Veteran’s Memorial Park Path Lights project not approved because Park Commission still has outstanding projects.
- 5) **New Business** –
 - a) **After School Club Late Fee Appeal** – Discussed late fee appeal.
MOTION: To deny late fee appeal.
Scott Nolan **Seconded by Glenn Flanders**
Motion - 3 in favor (Flanders, Nolan, Norris) and 1 abstention (Ciarcia)
- 6) **Correspondence** – Received response from town attorney about chickens. Director David Wrabel will contact human resource department to get information about town insurance; based on that information, determine if need to meet with historical society representatives for plan.
- 7) **Report From Recreation Director** – Day camp registration is open with 50 out of 82 openings filled. For Pesci pool, running lifeguard training classes at end of month, concluding June 8; planning to train 10 new lifeguards. Concert series has 7 out of 8 bands booked for the summer.

- 8) **Report From Chairman** – Veteran's Park is ready for baseball; Public works director told Legion that preference is to have metal container for storage.
- 9) **Report From Commissioners** – No update on status of sign at Southwest Family Park (reported by S. Nolan); At Pesci Park, resident reported concern about tree near parking lot (1st tree on right near Pesci II outfield), reported by G. Flanders. All other parks OK.

10) **Meeting Adjourned –**

MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Scott Nolan

Seconded by Paul Ciarcia

Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jennifer Dearborn
Recording Secretary**