

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of September 19, 2012

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Fairfield was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eunice Postol Parks & Recreation Dept. Fairfield, Connecticut 06824.

PRESENT: Ellery Plotkin, Chairman; Dante Gallucci; Alexa Mullady; Patti Dyer; Barbara Rifkin; Jessica Gerber and Brian Nerreau

ABSENT: Robert Seirup and Jack Tetreau

ALSO PRESENT: Gerry Lombardo, Dir., Parks & Recreation, Joe Michelangelo, Dir., Public Works Dept.

Mr. Lombardo introduced, new Director of Public Works, Joe Michelangelo.

Chairman Plotkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Act on Minutes of June 20, 2012: B. Rifkin *moved*, and D. Gallucci *seconded* to approve both the Public Hearing minutes and the regular meeting minutes of 8/28/12 as written. Motion passes 5-0-1. J. Gerber abstained, B. Nerreau not yet present.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Melanie Marks- Old Burial Ground Cleanup- Ms. Marks of 3808 Redding Rd. was present to make the request do a cleanup of the Old Burial Ground cemetery at 430 Beach Rd. on Oct 13 as well as to target the removal and repair of 10 headstones and the repair of two sections of wall that collapsed into the cemetery.

D. Gallucci moved, and B. Rifkin *seconded* to approve the request.

Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Marks also asked to do some work on 4 headstones in the Greenfield Hill cemetery. Because this item was not properly noticed on the agenda, Ms. Rifkin suggested that it be added.

B. Rifkin made a motion seconded by A. Mullady to add to the agenda the Repair of Headstones in the Greenfield Hill Cemetery. Motion passed unanimously

B. Rifkin made a motion seconded by A. Mullady to approve the removal and repair of 4 headstones at the Greenfield Hill Cemetery as requested. Motion passed unanimously

2. Roger Crossland- Memorial Ceremony for Capt. Smedley- Capt. Crossland - 220 Colonial Dr. was present to request permission to hold a memorial ceremony honoring naval Capt. Smedley on Oct 27 at the Old Burial Ground. A stone had been erected but no ceremony had taken place yet.

P. Dyer moved, and B. Rifkin *seconded* to approve the event as requested.

Motion passed unanimously

III. PUBLIC INPUT – D. Gallucci asked that the idea of a portable skating rink at the HSR Golf Course be discussed again. After a short discussion, the members asked that it be placed on the agenda for next month. Mr. Gallucci remarked that he hoped they could start with a simple plan rather than something grandiose that might not be well-accepted by residents.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – None

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. To hear an update report on the Boys/Girls Little League Fields: Mr. Lombardo reported that the Girls Softball field is almost 90% complete with fencing done as well. The restroom/concession is still being designed and won't be ready until spring. A sign has been ordered. The dedication will be in the spring at Little League's request. Gould Manor fields are 99% complete. Re-grading has been done at field #1 with new sod laid. The Little League bond was used and the Town returned \$25K to Little League. Mr. Lombardo went to a ceremony today at the First Selectman's office honoring all the Little League winners from the summer.

2. To hear an update report on Tennis Center Renovation Plan Report: Mr. Lombardo reported that They have still not started on the building. FIT is still waiting for prices on remediation and hopes to start next month.

V. BD. OF EDUCATION REPORT: J. Gerber reported that the issue of PCB's at Osborn Hill has been a large focus. They will have a portable gymnasium in place in a few weeks likely for the whole year. The library is still closed. They will be looking into other schools to see whether this spray fire-proofing was used anywhere else.

As for pupils, K is down, 1st Grade is up and the entire student population has fewer numbers than last year.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: G. Lombardo reported:

- Skate Park numbers are still averaging 15-20 per day. They are only open from 3-6pm now that school is in session/10-6 on the weekends.
- The Staff went to training for Violence in the workplace as well as civility in the workplace.
- The Penfield Pavilion Ctte. has been disbanded and they will be returning approximately \$13K to the Recreation's Revolving Fund. Mr. Lombardo reported that they are still not satisfied with the acoustics in the large room and he is meeting with a company tomorrow to see about putting some acoustical tiles in place. The Engineering Dept. will be on hand.
- The storm yesterday spared the pavilion however he did have the boards put in place along the outskirts of the pavilion on the beach side. He also has DPW put up signs stating that during storms, there would be no access to the beach from the deck. On other days those signs will be flipped to say, "No Dogs /animals permitted on the deck."

VII. PROGRAM REPORT- None

**Mr. Lombardo let the Commission know that he could not attend the Oct 17 meeting due to a conference and he would also be on vacation for the Nov 14 meeting. The Commission decided to reschedule the October meeting for the 24th and to decide about the November meeting at a later date. Mr. Lombardo will hope to have some preliminary budget numbers in October.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, B. Rifkin *moved*, and J.Gerber *seconded* to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Ryan, Recording Secretary