

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of Special Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2009

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Monday, November 2, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. In attendance were Vice Chairman Fran Ducotey, Commissioners Lovallo and Pescatore, Superintendent Brett Simmons, and Recreation Director Donna Winn.

Men's and Women's Softball Updates

Representatives of the umpires and men's and women's softball leagues made comments and suggestions as to how to solve some of the problems that exist in both leagues. Those included:

- Modifying the women's league- go to total slow-pitch?
- Using smaller softball for women's teams (11in, instead of 12in.)
- Send a survey to women's leagues (Sue will help create.)
- Suggestion to introduce wooden bats to the men's leagues
- Suggestion to use single wall aluminum bats to bring fairness back
- Limit home runs
- Special division for wood bats
- Should players be able to play in two leagues if created.
- Use regular softballs if aluminum bats are chosen.
- Run clinics on sliding.
- Eliminate all use of composite bats.

Ken Frizzo will work with Brett and Donna on creating a survey to determine opinions of the players in regards to modifying the type of bats used for league play.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Fairchild, Chairperson and Acting Secretary