

## **Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**February 2, 2011**

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at the Armory. In attendance were Commissioners Dan Lovallo, Jim Pescatore, Superintendent Brett Simmons and Recreation Director Donna Winn.

On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Jim Pescatore, the minutes of the January 5, 2011 meeting and the special meeting on January 19, 2011 were accepted and approved unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Commissioners received a flier in regards to the Winter Carnival and a copy of an email to Donna Winn in regards to a future rental of the Armory. Commissioners will hold any decisions on the rental until the necessary paperwork is submitted.

**Citizen's Comments:** None

#### **Committee Updates**

#### **Facility Use:**

- On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request for Coe Memorial Park by the Torrington Conservation Commission for Earth Day Clean Up on Saturday, April 30, 2011.
- On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request for the Armory by the Registrar of Voters for Tuesday, September 13, 2011 and Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

#### **Programs**

Recreation Director Donna Winn reported:

- The new brochure is in the process of being setup with a deadline of February 8<sup>th</sup> for submissions.
- She is working on Summer Concerts and trying to include some new bands. She spoke with the owners of Backstage Grill for some possible suggestions.
- Casino trips are being rescheduled from the third Monday of the month to the first Monday as a cost savings.
- The Winter Carnival is this weekend, weather permitting.
- She'd like to meet early in the spring on plans for the Toy Shower and Light Up Main.

#### **Sports**

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meeting of the girls' softball committee as well as a meeting for the scheduling of Fuessenich Park.

## **Capital/Budget**

Updates on 2011/2012 Budget: Superintendent Brett Simmons distributed copies of the Parks and Recreation budgets. He stated that these had been worked on and previously approved by the budget subcommittee. Discussion and explanation of both budgets took place. On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Dan Lovallo, the commission voted unanimously to approve both budgets.

## **Facility Operations**

Superintendent Simmons stated that snow removal has been the main priority thus far. The ice rink has issues, especially weather related that causes it to not be available for skating. The fate of Saturday's Winter Carnival will be determined tomorrow, Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, as more inclement weather is predicted for Saturday. The rescheduled date is Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Coe Memorial Park**

Commissioners addressed each item on the Meeting Motion Forms for January 5, 2011, and January 19, 2011. On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to approve Mike Zaharek's proposal for Coe Memorial Park tree care. On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Dan Lovallo, the commission voted unanimously to have Superintendent Simmons look into the possibility of lead paint on the flagpole before approving the proposal by Valley Restoration.

## **Old Business**

Park and Field use Policy- No update as the meeting had to be rescheduled.

**New Business:** None

## **Other Business:**

The scheduling meeting for Fuessenich Park will be held Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

As Mr. Berg arrived after the Citizen's Comments portion of the meeting, the commission allowed him to give his comments concerning the Torrington Tornadoes. He offered his thanks for past field use and looks forward to continuing field allowances for the coming season.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Dan Lovallo, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Fairchild

Chairperson and Recorder of the Day