

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of April 6, 2011 Meeting

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Armory. In attendance were Vice –Chair Fran Ducotey, Commissioner Jim Pescatore, Superintendent Brett Simmons and Recreation Director Donna Winn.

Adoption of Previous Month’s Minutes: On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2011 commission meeting.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Mary Reid, Volunteer Charity Liaison for the Torrington Titans.
- Final Governance Document for Fuessenich Park Commission

Citizen’s Comments: None

Facility Use

- On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request of Friendship Baptist Church for Coe Memorial Park on June 25, 2011 with appropriate fees.
- On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station for the Armory on Wednesdays for physical fitness training. This will be reviewed after a six-week trial period.
- On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request of Torrington Early Childhood for the Armory on August 5, 2011 and August 6, 2011.
- On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request by the Connecticut Cobras Softball Team for Bishop Donnelly field for various dates in June and July pending field availability and presentation of insurance certificate.
- On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request by the Probus Club for Coe Memorial Park on October 11, 2011 for their annual auction with appropriate fees.

Programs

Recreation Director Donna Winn reported on the following:

- Distributed new Spring/Summer program book to commissioners
- Registration for Summer Playgrounds is beginning.
- Pitch, Hit and Run will be held on April 9.
- Letters sent out to past summer staff to see who is interested in returning.
- Scheduling of fields has gone well so far, but not all field schedules are in place.
- Most softball rosters are in with 39 men's teams and 13 women's teams so far.
- Easter Egg Hunt at Coe Memorial Park on April 16, 2011 and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Elks on April 17, 2011.
- Fishing Derby on April 16, 2011.
- Planning Magic Motion at Torrington High School on June 5, 2011 with Pam Ewing from the credit union.
- Movie nights at Coe Memorial Park are being planned with appropriate concerts prior to the movies.

Sports

Men's softball committee has been meeting. ASA umpires have ruled that women must wear helmets. Gladys Brennan and Donna Winn will decide on the divisions for the women's teams.

Capital/Budget Updates

Superintendent Simmons distributed a list of capital projects that have been completed and an update on the three major projects that are pending. He also updated the commission on the status of the Parks Budget and the Recreation Budget.

Facility Operations

Commissioners received a list from Superintendent Simmons regarding on-going work, projects recently completed, current projects, and upcoming projects within the department.

Coe Memorial Park

Commissioners discussed and responded to the motions made by the Coe Memorial Park Committee.

Old Business: None

New Business

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to participate in the Titan's Charity night project. We will wait for a game date to be assigned before plans are developed.

Other Business: None

Adjournment

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:48 P.M.

Submitted by,

Patricia A. Fairchild

Chairperson and Recorder of the Day