

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes of Meeting

May 4, 2011

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at the Armory. In attendance were Vice Chairman Fran Ducotey, Commissioners Jim Pescatore and Gerry Carbone, Superintendent Brett Simmons and Recreation Director Donna Winn. Chairperson Fairchild welcomed Gerry Carbone to his first meeting as a commissioner.

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 April 6, 2011, commission meeting.

Correspondence: Superintendent Simmons enclosed copies of the letters to be sent to the various groups informing them of the cuts to the stipends.

Citizen's Comments: None

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to change the order of the agenda and to move Other Business to this point of the agenda.

Other Business: Mike O'Malley, General Manager of the Torrington Titans, addressed the commission and presented the Tentative Promotional Schedule for 2011.

Facility Use

- On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request of Boy Scout Troop 4 for East Pearl Playground on May 17, 2011.
- On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request of Torrington PAL for a recital at Coe Memorial Park Civic Center on June 18, 2011.
- On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Gerry Carbone, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request of Freedom Hills Christian Center for Coe Memorial Park for a concert on July 16, 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 Education Connection for Coe Memorial Park for their Summer Food Service.
- On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request of the Civil Air Patrol for the Armory on Thursdays.

- On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve the request of the Brotherhood of Diversity for Besse Pond on June 4, 2011.
- On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to tentatively approve the Elks Lodge request for Coe Memorial Park for their annual Flag Day pending receipt of required paperwork and using their own lodge in the case of rain.
- Representatives for the previously approved Evangelistic Block Party presented their plans for the day for the commission's review.

Programs: Donna Winn reported:

- Red Sox trip was going well.
- Some registrations for summer camp have been received.
- Most counselors have reapplied for this year.
- Should we have food vendors in the park for the summer concert series? Brett will ask Pennie Zucco to add Coe Memorial Park to the bid package.

Sports Updates: Men's softball has started and women's softball will start next week. The number of teams is almost the same as last year.

Capital/Budget: Brett distributed lists of capital projects and updated the commission on the current projects.

Facility Operations /Updates

Commissioners received a list of from Superintendent Simmons regarding on-going projects, recently completed projects, current projects, upcoming events and upcoming projects.

Coe Memorial Park

- Superintendent Simmons distributed to commissioners the packet of information that was provided to the Coe Memorial Park Committee.
- Commissioners discussed and responded to the current list of motions from the Coe Memorial Park Committee.
- Superintendent Simmons reported on recent repairs to the flag pole at Coe Memorial Park.

Old Business

Fran Ducotey reported that people are once again on Toro fields with their unleashed dogs. Commissioners discussed possible solutions to this matter.

New Business: None

Adjournment: On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:22 P.M.

Minutes written and submitted by:

Patricia A. Fairchild, Chairperson and Recorder of the Day