



PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: 3/6/2013		MEETING LOCATION: Armory	
CALL TO ORDER:	By: Patricia Fairchild		Time: 5:00
ROLL CALL:	Members Present: Patricia Fairchild, Jim Pescatore, Dan Lovallo, Gerry Carbone, Brett Simmons, Donna Winn.		
PREVIOUS MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of (Date): 02/07/2013 Park & Rec special meeting with Coe Memorial Park Committee		
	Corrections: None		
	Motion to Approve by: Dan Lovallo		
	Second by: Jim Pescatore Unanimous		
	Minutes of (Date): Park & Rec regular meeting: 02/07/2013		
CORRESPONDENCE:	Motion to approve by: Jim Pescatore		
	Second by: Gerry Carbone Unanimous		
CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:	<p>Name, Address, Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From LARC, they would like to build 2 Bocce courts with their funds and are looking for somewhere to put them. • Scott Romanello, 44 Winsted Rd: Wants to see a wood bat division in our city softball league. • Paul Hebard, 163 Funston Ave: Echoed what Scott Romanello said. • Lou Colucci, 1209 Goshen Rd: Stated that a wood bat division should be on its own night and not mixed with the metal bat league. • Bill Nataro, 95 Hemlock Rd: Wood bat game is slower, more defense. Much safer than metal bats. • Philip Blosser, 15 Planet St: It would be better to open the wood bat division to in town teams first before out of town teams. • Ed Gadomski, 878 High St Ext: He is the new manager of the Titans. The team is looking for a locker room, maybe a trailer, outside of the center field fence. Batters area in the batting cage is worn out. Looking to get lines for on deck circle for games. Jake's Wayback Burgers will be running the concession stand at Fuessenich Park. Signs will be put up during the game and taken down after the game. Gerry Carbone stated that we should allow the other leagues playing at Fuessenich Park to do the same. 		

<p>COMMITTEE UPDATES:</p> <p>- Facility Use (Facility Requests)</p>	<p>Motion by Jim Pescatore and 2nd by Dan Lovallo to change the order of meeting to sports section.</p> <hr/> <p>Facility Requests for the Armory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request by Torrington Public Schools to use the Armory for a consignment sale. Request is for April 24 and 25 from 10AM – 8PM, the 26th from 8AM – 10PM and the 27th from 8AM – 5PM. Second choice would be May 8 – 11. Dawn Styga was present and was not aware there would be fees. Patti Fairchild explained that Torrington Park & Rec has to pay Torrington Board of Ed when they use the school gyms for basketball. Dawn Styga was surprised at that. She would go back to her committee to see about paying the fees. Motion to approve with fees by Dan Lovallo and 2nd by Gerry Carbone, approved unanimously. Request for the Armory by Walker International Events, LLC on April 5, or 6, or 7 or 8, 2013 from 8AM to 11PM for a variety show. Motion to deny request due to insufficient information by Gerry Carbone and 2nd by Dan Lovallo, approved unanimously. Request by Torrington Titans for the Armory for Internship meetings June 1 – August 17 from 10AM – 4PM. Motion to table request until we get more information by Gerry Carbone and 2nd by Dan Lovallo, approved unanimously. <p>Facility Requests for Coe Memorial Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for Coe Memorial Park by Cystic Fibrosis on May 4, 2013 from 7AM – 1PM. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore and 2nd by Dan Lovallo, approved unanimously. Request by The Mayor’s Committee on Youth for Coe Memorial Park on April 16, 2013 from 2PM – 3:30PM. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore and 2nd by Dan Lovallo approved unanimously. Request by Torrington Police Dept. for Coe Memorial Park April 18, 2013 from 8AM – 12PM. Motion to approve by Dan Lovallo and 2nd by Gerry Carbone, approved unanimously. <p>City Field Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to use city fields by American Legion, Connie Mack, Torrington Rebels, Torrington Dragons, Torrington High School, Wolcott Tech, Torrington Little League, USSSA, Torrington Youth Soccer, Torrington Titans and Forman School. Motion to approve by Dan Lovallo and 2nd by Gerry Carbone, approved unanimously.
<p>- Programs - (Updates)</p>	<p>Donna Winn’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brochures went out to print Kid Rock Auditions March 2, 7PM at the Coe Memorial Park Civic Center Easter Egg Hunt March 23, 11:30AM at Coe Memorial Park. Magic Motion will be held June 1st
<p>Sports (Updates)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was discussion about the proposed wood bat division. Commissioners were in agreement that we need to think about safety first.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion by Gerry Carbone and 2nd by Dan Lovallo to have a wood bat division in the Torrington Softball league made up of a minimum of 8 teams and maximum of 12. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Capital / Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks budget - City looking for reductions, cutting 24k out of our 25k request for facility fund. • Recreation budget - no changes except for some line item changes. • Budgets go to City Council: Parks end of March and Recreation in April.
- Facility Operations (Updates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow removal took up a lot of the Parks employee's time. • Ice rink wasn't a priority with all the snow and the additional rain and snow did not help. • Bleachers to be completed in April, weather permitting.
- Coe Memorial Park (Updates)	None
- Coe Memorial Park (Meeting Motions)	None
OTHER BUSINESS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerry Carbone: Talked about vendors showing up during Christmas Village days and the possibility of getting an ordinance to keep them away from the people waiting in line. Maybe 500'. • Gerry Carbone also spoke about the Titans request for space for meeting at the Armory and how he would be OK with them meeting there as long as the building is already open so we do not have to pay for an attendant.
NEW BUSINESS:	nothing
OLD BUSINESS:	nothing
ADJOURNMENT:	<p>Motion By: Jim Pescatore</p> <p>Second By: Dan Lovallo</p> <p>Time: 6:50</p>
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	Jim Pescatore