



PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: November 9, 2016		MEETING LOCATION: Armory	
CALL TO ORDER:	By: Patricia Fairchild	Time: 5:00 PM	
ROLL CALL:	Members Present: Patricia Fairchild, Jim Pescatore, Gerry Carbone, Fran Ducotey, Superintendent Brett Simmons. Others Present: Mayor Carbone, Chief Maniago. Absent: Dan Lovallo.		
PREVIOUS MINUTES APPROVAL:	Minutes of (Date): October 5, 2016		
	Corrections: None		
	Motion to Approve by: Gerry Carbone		
	Second by: Fran Ducotey		
CORRESPONDENCE:	None		
CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:	Name, Address, Comments: None		
	A motion by Jim Pescatore to move the Coe Memorial Park section to the top of the agenda; 2nd by Gerry Carbone; approved unanimously.		
COMMITTEE UPDATES:	Request for the Armory:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility Use (Facility Requests) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor DeRosa from the Torrington Christian Academy for Basketball on various dates. A motion to approve by Jim Pescatore and 2nd by Gerry Carbone. Approved unanimously. • Tony Pietrafesa from PAL for basketball on various dates in October and November. A motion to approve by Gerry Carbone and 2nd by Fran Ducotey. Approved unanimously. 	
		Request for Coe Memorial Park:	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed Bascetta from the Torrington Fire Department for CEU Classes on February 16, 2017 from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. A motion to approve by Jim Pescatore and 2nd by Fran Ducotey. Approved unanimously. • Zachary Ritchie from Prime Time House for a Holiday Party on December 16, 2016 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM. A motion to approve by Jim Pescatore and 2nd by Fran Ducotey. Approved unanimously. • Edward Cannata from the Torrington Arts and Cultural Commission for a Craft Fair and Music on May 27, 2017 from 7:00AM to 5:00PM. A motion to table this request so we can get more information by Jim Pescatore and 2nd by Fran Ducotey. Approved unanimously. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs - (Updates) 	Trunk or Treat was a success and had a very large crowd. The program and planning portion of Light Up Main, Toy Shower, Christmas Village and Last Night is ready to go. Next Generation of Dance classes are increasing along with their bookings for Birthday Parties.		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sports (Updates)</u> 	There are 9 Women's volleyball teams and currently 6 Young Men's League Basketball teams.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Capital / Budget</u> 	Work continues with setting up Christmas Village for the season. The new Manger is being built. Lawn and infield repairs are underway at Fuessenich Park. We are currently awaiting the bid documents for the Fuessenich Park Plaza Renovation Project. The second phase of the Forest Management Plan at Charlene Susan Besse Park is proceeding. The RFP Coe Memorial Park Gardens is out.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Facility Operations (Updates)</u> 	Christmas Village, Clean-up in the Parks, and Ice rink work on going.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Coe Memorial Park (Updates)</u> 	A lengthy discussion was led by Mayor Carbone and Chief Maniago about the addition of police presence at Coe Memorial Park. They want to put an office in the Coe Memorial Park Civic Center. They will absorb the cost. Also they made it clear that they would keep the Parks and Rec Commission informed about all activities that would be taking place. The Police department wants to have a low key presence. They will run some ad's to help the public know why they are there. A motion to accept the proposed police presence at Coe Memorial Park by Jim Pescatore and 2nd by Fran Ducotey. Approved unanimously.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Coe Memorial Park (Meeting Motions)</u> 	Commissioners discussed and responded to motions submitted by the Coe Memorial Park Committee on the separate Coe Memorial Park Committee Motion Form.
<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>	None
<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>	Fran Ducotey: The Beth El Synagogue wants to put a memorial bench in Coe Memorial Park since the Synagogue will be closing. Patty was concerned if we did allow this, then down the road how many more requests would we get and when do we say no. Mayor Carbone suggested maybe in a different park.
<u>OTHER BUSINESS:</u>	None
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	Motion By: Jim Pescatore Second By: Gerry Carbone Time: 6:22PM
<u>MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:</u>	Jim Pescatore