

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008
MEETING ROOM
WESTON TOWN HALL**

“Minutes”

The regular meeting of the Weston Parks and Recreation Commission (“WPRC”) was held on Monday, September 8, 2008. Present: Bob Uzenoff, Carlos Mello, Carl Bernstein, Marc Butlein and Dave Juneau. Absent: Nancy Babyak and Pat Kane. Staff: Dave Ungar and Gloria Sundlof.

- 1) **Call to order:** Chairman Juneau called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 2) **Approval of minutes:** The draft minutes of the August 4th special meeting were approved as written. Bernstein moved and Uzenoff seconded 4-0-1, Butlein abstained.
- 3) **Public forum:** none
- 4) **Unfinished Business:**

a) **Review of action items:**

08-04A. Mr. Mello and Mr. Ungar will schedule a meeting with school facility manager Dan Clarke and BOE facilities committee member Joe Fitzpatrick regarding the artificial grass and track maintenance. Discussion of action items; when completed action items to be signed off with a memorandum of understanding, a resolution and a target end date. Mr. Uzenoff stated there should be shared standards of care and maintenance of fields. Mr. Butlein stated he would like to have this action item resolved by the November meeting.

08-13. Mr. Ungar reported he has received current copies all sports club bylaws except those of Weston Lacrosse. The commission recalled it has asked for the clubs to provide their financials at the same time. Mr. Butlein suggested invite representatives of all the sports clubs to a commission meeting once each year and review the clubs’ short and long term goals and current challenges. Mr. Ungar stated he speaks with the clubs on a regular basis and he feels that every club should brief the commission periodically. He would like to see two clubs at each monthly commission meeting. Mr. Butlein will draft a list of questions for the commission to review for the sports clubs prior to each club attending a commission meeting. Mr. Juneau will convey this at the next sports commission meeting or contact Michael Carter of the Weston Sports Commission.

08-14. The commission discussed the Bisceglie Scribner pond report for the 2008 season of June 21 – Sept. 1, 2008 and reviewed pond attendance numbers. Mr. Ungar stated the waiver of the fee for the season, playground upgrade from the WPP and the good weather were factors contributing to the increase in attendance. He reported the number of persons using the pond and playground was impressive. The pond was closed for three days due to maintenance issues.

08-16. Mr. Uzenoff distributed hard copies of the programs spreadsheet with various viewing enhancements. The commission questioned and reviewed the report. Mr. Ungar reported the P&R department has an operating budget not an enterprise program budget. Mr. Uzenoff stated the spreadsheet report could be categorized by season, field, gym or pool programs. This will be further reviewed.

b) Booster Barn and Bleacher Project Update: Mr. Mello reported on the Selectmen's meetings discussion on the location of the booster barn and bleachers at the high school. Commissioner Butlein moved that the WPRC position is that they support the concept of both stands with the press box and booster barn. Carl seconded motion. All in favor 5-0.

c) Dr. Dest Update; Athletic Field Conditions Consultation: Mr. Ungar, John Gianelli of Steck's Nursery and Mr. Uzenoff met with Dr. Dest on August 12th. A field walk was taken of locations where Dr. Dest will conduct his studies and discussed what the commission would like to accomplish on improving the fields conditions where needed. Dr. Dest will make recommendations to be presented to the town contractor and gathered field samples. The initial report should be done within a week. Mr. Uzenoff thanked Mr. Ungar for doing a great job on the preparation for Dr. Dest. Mr. Ungar will stay in touch with Dr. Dest on the delivery of his field study.

d) Outdoor Movie Night recap: Mr. Bernstein stated movie night was a great event and an estimated 350-400 people came out to watch the movie on the school campus. Mr. Bernstein moved to thank Weston resident Paul Levin for a wonderful job well done and his generosity on movie night in Weston. Mr. Mello seconded motion. All in favor 5-0. Mr. Bernstein stated some residents have indicated they would like to be on the committee for next year and possibly have the Kiwanis club help. Mr. Bernstein will write a formal thank you letter for Ms. Sundlof to send to Mr. Levin.

e) Other unfinished business: none

5) Reports of standing committees and resulting motions:

a) Administrative Committee:

1) Middle School parking update: Mr. Juneau spoke with Chairman of BOE, Ellen Uzenoff regarding the parking at the M.S. field. The BOE is using this area for excess parking spaces. Ms. Uzenoff stated the BOE will be putting up some temporary fencing and assured Mr. Juneau that the spaces are being utilized for parking and the BOE intends to revert the space to recreational turf in the future when space permits.

b) Aquatics Committee: Mr. Ungar reported on the pool renovation during the summer. The pool was painted, ceiling tiles replaced and tiles regouted in the pool area.

c) Fields Committee: Mr. Uzenoff attended the field scheduling meeting Mr. Ungar hosted for the sports clubs reps for the fall season. Mr. Ungar stated this is a great way for the community to work together and discuss the field schedule for users. The commission is waiting for the follow up from Dr. Dest's study.

d) Programs Committee: The commission discussed having Program Director Bill Shaeffer and Aquatic Director Lynn Stevens attend an annual commission meeting.

e) Parks Committee: Mr. Bernstein visited Keene Park and discussed the possibility of adding athletic facilities such as hand ball or squash court at this park. The commission

discussed the location and the age groups this would attract. Mr. Bernstein will research this further.

- 6) **New Business:** none
- 7) **Correspondence:** none
- 8) **Announcements:** Mr. Mello reported former H.S. football player Jamie Richard is on the Indianapolis Colts. Mr. Richard is a graduate of Weston High School class of 2003 and has benefited from the WPRC. Mr. Juneau thanked Mr. Uzenoff and Mr. Ungar for the field schedule and Dr. Dest meetings and thanked Mr. Bernstein for movie night. The commission discussed possibly rescheduling the October meeting date due to an inadequate quorum.
- 9) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m. Mr. Bernstein motioned and Mr. Mello seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Sundlof
Adm. Asst.

Attachments:
Pond Report