

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



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Parks & Recreation Commission

DRAFT MINUTES
MONDAY MARCH 9, 2009
7:30 P.M.

WESTON TOWN HALL
COMMISSION ROOM

David C. Juneau
Chairman

Committees:
Administrative,
Fields

Carlos Mello
Vice chairman
Committee:
Aquatics

Nancy Babyak
Commissioner
Committee:
Programs

Marc Butlein
Commissioner
Committee:
Programs

Carl Bernstein
Commissioner
Committees:
Fields, Parks

Patrick E. Kane
Commissioner
Committee:
Aquatics

Robert A. Uzenoff
Commissioner
Committee:
Administrative

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The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission ("WPRC") held its regular monthly meeting on March 9, 2009 on in the Daugherty Commission Room in town hall. Commissioners present: Nancy Babyak, Carl Bernstein, Marc Butlein, Chairman David Juneau, Carlos Mello and Bob Uzenoff. Commissioners absent: Pat Kane. Ex-Officio Commissioners present: First Selectman Woody Bliss. Staff present: Weston Parks and Recreation Director David Ungar. Public present: Weston Soccer Club President Philip Shaner.

Official actions of the commission are indicated in these minutes by underlining.

1) Call to order: A quorum being present, Mr. Juneau called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

2) Public forum:

- a) Raising Money. First Selectman Bliss outlined a plan to rent the Varsity Turf Field to Beachside Soccer. Phil Shaner was present to represent Weston Soccer. After discussion, Mr. Juneau made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Uzenoff:
I move to endorse the decision by First Selectman Bliss to rent Varsity Turf Field to Beachside Soccer for the spring 2009 season. The details of the plan are laid out in the contract attached to these minutes. Notably, the use of this facility by Beachside is for practices only; no games, no inter-club scrimmages. A \$10 per head fee will be charged with proceeds going to the Turf Replacement Fund. Beyond that, \$150 per hour will be charged, with proceeds going to repay the stands/booster barn loan from the Town of Weston to the Gridiron Club.

- 32 Resolution: Aye: Butlein, Juneau, Mello, Uzenoff; Nay: None;
33 Abstain: Babyak, Bernstein. The motion carried.
- 34 b) Advertising on town fields. Mr. Bliss urged the WPRC to
35 reconsider its position on advertisements at town fields. Mr. Juneau
36 asked the commission members to solicit feedback from residents
37 on how they feel about this concept.
- 38 c) Cell tower. The AT&T representative was not able to make it to this
39 meeting. The WPRC will make time for him next month if he
40 wishes to come to the regular meeting.
- 41 3) Unfinished Business
- 42 a) Action item review. Refer to the action items list beginning on page
43 4 for details.
- 44 i) 2009-04 Mr. Juneau sent a letter to Phil Shaner, via email
45 attachment, expressing the WPRC's refusal to engage in fund
46 raising on Weston Soccer Club's behalf. This item is now
47 considered closed.
- 48 b) Other Unfinished Business
- 49 Mr. Ungar attended the Board of Finance (BOF) budget
50 meeting. He reminded the commission that the BOF budget
51 hearing will be held on March 31, and the Annual Town Budget
52 Meeting will be April 21.
- 53 4) Reports of standing committees and resulting motions:
- 54 a) Administrative Committee
- 55 i) See report in Unfinished Business above.
- 56 b) Aquatics Committee (Messrs. Kane, Mello) - no report
- 57 c) Fields Committee (Messrs. Juneau, Bernstein)
- 58 i) Mr. Ungar reported that he is in talks with Joe Cena of Little
59 League about trying to find an appropriate location for a
60 flagpole at Bisceglie, to be erected by LL Mr. Ungar will submit
61 the plan for WPRC approval.
- 62 ii) Responding to a question from Mr. Uzenoff, Mr. Ungar
63 reported that he will start implementing Dr. William Dest's
64 recent recommendations in April. In response to an inquiry
65 about Revson Field's status from Mr. Bernstein, Mr. Ungar said
66 that a pipe will be installed to connect the curtain drains at
67 Revson to a storm drain. Town engineer John Conti is assisting
68 on this item.
- 69 iii) Spring Field Scheduling Meeting. Mr. Ungar reported that the
70 meeting went well.
- 71 d) Programs Committee (Mrs. Babyak and Mr. Butlein)

- 72 i) Mr. Ungar reported that Parks and Recreation (P&R) had an
73 exceptional spring swim registration. Regarding other
74 programs, Mr. Ungar met with Children and Youth (C&Y)
75 Director Kristen Ferraro for an hour on March 6 to see where
76 overlap and cooperation might occur between P&R and C&Y.
- 77 e) Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein) Weston Park Project (WPP).
78 Responding to a question from Mr. Uzenoff, Mr. Ungar mentioned
79 that WPP have found someone to help them 'stick build' a pavilion
80 that is both within WPP's budget, and meets building code. Project
81 Manager Cory Attra is comfortable with the design. Mr. Butlein
82 asked, and Mr. Ungar responded that Mr. Attra has installed the
83 access road from Newtown Turnpike.
- 84 5) New Business – Mr. Bernstein relayed that Paul Levin is seeking
85 donations for another outdoor film, to be shown this summer.
- 86 6) Correspondence
- 87 a) Letter from David Juneau to Phil Shaner, as mentioned in item
88 3(a)i.
- 89 b) Announcements, remarks for the good of the order
- 90 7) The commission adjourned at 9:35 p.m.
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- 92 Respectfully Submitted,
- 93 David Juneau

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ACTION ITEMS

2009-04 Opened 01-21-2009 Mr. Bernstein accepted the action item to draft a letter informing WSC that WPRC will not participate in a “ ... committee to explore revenue development.” Mr. Bernstein will present the draft for commission approval at its February meeting.

Update of 02-09-2009. Mr. Bernstein presented draft, which was approved by the Commission (see motion in minutes). Mr. Juneau will type up the letter and send it to Philip Shaner.

Update of 03-09-2009 Mr. Juneau has conveyed the commission’s letter to Mr. Shaner via email attachment using email address pkshaner@aol.com. This item is considered closed.

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