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Parks & Recreation Commission

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013**

**7:45 P.M.**

**WESTON TOWN HALL**

**DAUGHERTY COMMISSION ROOM**

Eric Albert  
Chairman  
Committees:  
Administrative,  
Programs

Brian Collins  
Vice Chairman  
Committee:  
Administrative

Carl Bernstein  
Commissioner  
Committees:  
Fields, Parks

Marc Butlein  
Commissioner  
Committee:  
Programs

Robert Uzenoff  
Commissioner  
Committee:

Jed Ferdinand  
Secretary  
Committee:  
Aquatics

David Juneau  
Commissioner  
Committee: Fields

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*Official action of the commission in these minutes is indicated by underlining.*

The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission (WPRC) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Carl Bernstein, Marc Butlein, Jed Ferdinand, Dave Juneau and Robert Uzenoff. Commissioners absent: Brian Collins. Call to order: Chairman Albert called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of the April 8, 2013 regular meeting were approved. For: Albert, Butlein, Ferdinand, Juneau, and Uzenoff. Abstained: Bernstein. Against: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2) Public Forum.

None.

3) Unfinished Business

a) Review of Action Items: None.

4) Report of standing committees and resulting motions:

a) Administrative Committee:

i) Mr. Ungar distributed an Activity Bottom Line Report for both the month of April, 2013 and Year to Date (from July 1, 2012 forward). Camp registration has been very positive and has brought in significant revenue. Overall figures are positive.

31                    However, year over year figures are down \$20,000 from the  
32                    same time last year. Mr. Ungar will investigate to see if he can  
33                    ascertain the possible cause for the year over year reduction.

34                    ii) Adult Programming: Mr. Ungar reported that P&R is running  
35                    an adult fitness class at the South House all purpose room.  
36                    There are 5 people enrolled. Another class for Body Blast  
37                    conditioning was cancelled. Commissioner Albert expressed  
38                    concern over the apparent lack of public interest in adult  
39                    classes. Mr. Ungar may consider additional morning classes.  
40                    Mr. Butlein requested Mr. Ungar to ascertain how much money  
41                    P&R has spent to develop and execute adult programming. Mr.  
42                    Uzenoff suggests that Mr. Ungar contact the new  
43                    Westport/Weston Y to see about possible collaboration of adult  
44                    programming.

45                    b) Aquatics: Mr. Ungar reported that the Middle School Pool is  
46                    operating very well. The new UV system is operating as intended  
47                    and there have been no reported problems with eye irritation or  
48                    otherwise. The new ventilation system will be fully installed next  
49                    year.

50                    c) Fields:

51                    i) Mr. Ungar reported on the vandalism at Bisceglie Park.  
52                    Someone damaged the vending machines. In response, Mr. Ungar  
53                    ordered motion lights to be pointed at the bathhouse and playhouse.  
54                    The motion activated lights would alert the police of trespassers.

55                    ii) Mr. Ungar recommended to erect a “No Skateboarding” sign at  
56                    the bottom of the entrance to Morehouse Farm Park to deter kids  
57                    from skateboarding down the steep hill. The Commission was  
58                    favorably inclined to this suggestion.

59                    iii) Mr. Ungar is otherwise satisfied with the condition of the fields  
60                    at this time.

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62                    ACTION ITEM: In the past P&R has maintained a checklist of  
63                    reported problems at the pool and the status of repairs. Mr. Butlein  
64                    suggests writing a letter to all coaches of sponsored programs to ask  
65                    them about any problems with the fields. Also consider a field and  
66                    pool scorecard to be prepared quarterly or at the beginning of each  
67                    season. The Commission was favorably inclined to this suggestion.

68                    d) Parks:

69                    i) Mr. Ungar is satisfied with the condition of the parks.

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72 5) New Business:

73 i) Fairness Resolution: Mr. Uzenoff proposed language to  
74 memorialize P&R's policy of first-come, first-served for  
75 registration of P&R programs. A lengthy discussion ensued.  
76 Mr. Ferdinand recommended that P&R examine its written  
77 terms and conditions and that P&R also analyze the language  
78 used by comparable local towns. Commissioner Albert  
79 suggested that we may need to confer with the Town Attorney  
80 since P&R is part of the Town website.

81 Motion for Passage of Fairness Resolution: By Uzenoff; Bernstein second.  
82 For: Uzenoff. Against: Albert, Butlein, Bernstein, Ferdinand and Juneau.  
83 Motion rejected 5-1.

84 Commissioner Albert commended Mr. Uzenoff for raising the issue and  
85 attempting to address it. It appears that further study is needed.

86 ACTION ITEM: Mr. Ferdinand will research fairness language from other  
87 towns and will report back with suggested language.

88 ii) July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Issues:

89 1. Weston Youth Football has requested to conduct  
90 a bake sale during the fireworks. The question  
91 was posed whether P&R should open up to other  
92 vendors? The Commission decided to allow Mr.  
93 Ungar to handle this issue administratively.

94 2. The Commission considered how to price  
95 parking at the fireworks. The Commission  
96 considered all possible alternatives. The  
97 Commission decided to charge \$20 for premium  
98 parking, and to allow P&R to determine  
99 administratively how to execute the plan.

100 3. Commissioner Albert suggested that P&R solicit  
101 additional sponsors for July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks. The  
102 Commission debated the issue.

103 MOTION: By Commissioner Albert to require P&R to solicit additional  
104 sponsorships for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Bernstein second. For: Albert, Bernstein,  
105 Ferdinand. Against: Uzenoff, Butlein, Juneau. Motion 3-3. Motion fails.

106 iii) BOE Policy of 50% Youth Participation: Aspetuck Youth  
107 Football has reiterated its request to use the Weston Stadium turf  
108 field this upcoming season. BOE has indicated that they intend to  
109 enforce the policy that 50% Weston participation is required to use  
110 fields on school property. Aspetuck does not come close to this  
111 threshold. The Commission decided not to recommend to the BOE  
112 that they grant a waiver to Aspetuck. Mr. Ungar will inform them  
113 that they any further request need to be made to the BOE.

114 6) Correspondence: None.

115 7) Announcements: None.

116 8) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:50 p.m.  
117 Bernstein/Juneau motion and second. All in favor 6-0.

118 Respectfully Submitted,

119 Jed Ferdinand, Secretary

