

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



Incorporated 1787

Parks & Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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

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

10 The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission (WPRC) held its regular
11 monthly meeting on Monday, June 10, 2013 at Weston Town Hall.
12 Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Carl Bernstein, Brian Collins, Jed
13 Ferdinand, Dave Juneau, Robert Uzenoff and Marc Butlein (8:50 p.m.).
14 Public Present: Carmine Cenatiempo. Call to order: Chairman Albert
15 called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.
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17 1) Approval of Minutes.

18 Minutes of the May 12, 2013 regular meeting were approved, as
19 corrected. For: Albert, Bernstein, Collins, Ferdinand, Juneau, and
20 Uzenoff. Motion carried 6-0.

21 2) Public Forum.

22 Mr. Ungar introduced Carmine Cenatiempo of Weston, owner of
23 Calises deli in Westport. Mr. Cenatiempo is interested in running the
24 food concession stand at the town July 4th fireworks. The Commission
25 decided to allow Mr. Ungar to handle this matter administratively.

26 3) Unfinished Business

27 a) Review of Action Items:

28 1) Adult and Senior Programming: Mr. Bernstein reported on
29 research of cost and programming at the Westport-Weston
30 YMCA. The figures and availability are very positive. The
31 Commission wants to consider possible future collaboration

- 32 between the town and the Westport-Weston YMCA to enhance
33 Weston's adult and senior programming. Mr. Ungar will
34 contact Wendy Petty to follow up.
- 35 2) Fairness Policy: Mr. Ferdinand reported on his research into
36 the policy of surrounding towns regarding publication of a
37 fairness policy to ensure equal treatment of applicants for
38 sponsored programs. The research was inconclusive and did
39 not reveal a consistent policy. The Commission determined
40 that if Mr. Ungar were to receive a request in future by an
41 organization for special treatment, he should not handle it
42 administratively and it should be referred to the Commission.
- 43 3) July 4th Fireworks: Mr. Ungar reported that the premium
44 parking spaces at a cost of \$20 are sold out well in advance of
45 the event.
- 46 4) Report of standing committees and resulting motions:
- 47 a) Administrative Committee:
- 48 i) Mr. Ungar distributed an Activity Bottom Line Report for both
49 the month of May, 2013 and Year to Date (from July 1, 2012
50 forward). Mr. Ungar believes that if additional monies come in
51 before July 1, P&R might be on track to realize a profit of
52 \$60,000 again this year as it did the prior year. Mr. Ungar will
53 have final figures to report at the next meeting.
- 54 b) Aquatics: Commissioner Albert reached out to the co-Presidents of
55 Weston Swimming. They were very positive on the condition of
56 the Middle School pool. There are still problems with the locker
57 rooms. Mr. Ungar informed that the door locks are in and should be
58 installed prior to the beginning of the school year.
- 59 c) Fields:
- 60 i) Mr. Ungar reported that P&R has made an offer to fill the parks
61 and grounds maintenance position. A current town employee is
62 interested. Ultimately the decision will be made by Tom Landry.
- 63 ii) P&R has asked Weston Little League to pick up the cost and
64 responsibility for some weekend field maintenance at Bisceglie.
65 Weston Little League is open to the idea and discussions are
66 continuing.
- 67 iii) Mr. Ungar is satisfied with the condition of the fields at this
68 time.
- 69 d) Parks:
- 70 i) Mr. Ungar is satisfied with the condition of the parks.
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73 5) New Business:

74 i) Summer Camp Staffing: Mr. Collins questioned the salary of
75 \$15 per hour for junior staff at P&R's summer camps.
76 According to his personal experience in running comparable
77 businesses and his research into surrounding towns, this is
78 considerably higher than the going rate. Other towns pay \$8.50
79 per hour for comparable summer staffing. Bill Schaeffer of
80 P&R appeared to discuss staffing. Many staff members have
81 been with the camps for many years. P&R hires good and
82 talented people. The Commission acknowledged that P&R runs
83 camps that are well attended and highly regarded. Nevertheless,
84 the consensus is that P&R may be overpaying for entry-level
85 positions. Several Commissioners suggested that P&R look to
86 lower the salary for new hires next year. Commissioner Albert
87 requested P&R to come back to the Commission with a
88 proposed salary chart for summer 2014 at the September
89 meeting so the Commission can consider the issue further.

90 ii) Lights on Stadium Field: Mr. Ferdinand recounted his
91 conversations with Weston Lacrosse Club, which wants to see
92 lights on Stadium Field and is willing to lead the effort to make
93 this happen. A discussion ensued. Mr. Butlein reported on his
94 long history with this issue. According to his recollection,
95 neighbor complaints in the past have been directed more to
96 noise than to the lights. Mr. Juneau noted that the
97 Commission's role will be limited to issuing a recommendation.
98 Ultimately, the Board of Education and Town will need to be
99 involved. The Commission will advise Weston Lacrosse to
100 consult with all of the other Town sports organizations to see if
101 there is a consensus to move forward on this issue.

102 6) Correspondence: None.

103 7) Announcements: None.

104 8) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:55 p.m.
105 Bernstein/Juneau motion and second. All in favor 7-0.

106 Respectfully Submitted,

107 Jed Ferdinand, Secretary

