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Parks & Recreation Commission

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014
7:45 P.M.**

**WESTON TOWN HALL
DAUGHERTY COMMISSION ROOM**

Eric Albert
Chairman
Committees:
Administrative,
Programs

David Juneau
Vice Chairman
Committee:
Fields

Carl Bernstein
Commissioner
Committees:
Fields, Parks

Marc Butlein
Commissioner
Committee:
Programs

Jed Ferdinand
Committee:
Aquatics

Brian Collins
Commissioner
Committee:
Administrative

Mark Crowley
Secretary
Commissioner

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The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission (WPRC) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 6, 2014 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Dave Juneau, Carl Bernstein, Marc Butlein, Brian Collins, and Mark Crowley. Also present: Dave Ungar, Parks & Recreation Director. Call to order: Chairman Albert called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of the September 8, 2014 regular meeting were approved, subject to a minor modification. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Commissioner Crowley which was seconded by Commissioner Collins. Motion was approved. For: 6 Against:0.

2) Public Forum - None

3) Unfinished Business

a) Review of action items due from September 8 - none

b) Fairfield University / Weston Youth P&R basketball support update – Mr. Ungar updated the commission on his meeting (along with Bill Schaefer) with Peter Kishchner of Fairfield University to brainstorm ideas of how the university can get more involved in our basketball (and other) programs. Some of the ideas discussed included ways to get Fairfield’s basketball players to help with clinics and coaching. They also discussed ways to get involved in

other programs outside of basketball. Mr. Ungar indicated he will continue the discussion and update the commission at a future meeting.

- c) Stadium lighting & sound project – Mr. Ungar updated the committee in regards to the performance of the new lighting at the H.S. stadium. He indicated he was not aware of any complaints regarding the lights and that meetings with the neighbor committee were to begin in November of this year. He also noted that additional test on lighting spillage into the areas surrounding the stadium were performed and spillage remain extremely low (and actual zero at the neighboring property lines). Finally, he noted the new sound system continues to perform poorly and the plan is to replace the system with the old system until another system can be installed.
 - d) Bisceglie Park Patrick Bisceglie memorial bench donation – Chairman Albert and Mr. Ungar updated the commission on the Bisceglie family’s request to donate a bench to be place at Bisceglie park. Mr. Ungar met with the family at the park and discussed the potential location of the bench. Mr. Ungar explained the potential utility of the bench and the history of Patrick Bisceglie and his contributions to the Town of Weston. The Commissioners further discussed whether or not formal guidelines should be developed for determining when to accept such a donation. Further details and discussion of the donation are planned for a future meeting.
 - e) Other unfinished business - none
- 4) Report of standing committees:
- a) Administrative Committee: Mr. Ungar distributed (and the Commission discussed) the Activity Bottom Line Report for September 2014 and comparative information from September 2013.
 - b) Aquatics Committee: Mr. Ungar provided the Commission with an update on the pool UV and HVAC repairs. He noted the pool will not be fully functional until next summer (there is a need to drill through walls so the repairs will result in down time at the school). He also noted the UV filtration light at the pool will be replaced (commissioners discussed the benefits of the UV light noting it is a more efficient way to keep the pool clean and better for users of the pool as it results in less use of chemicals in the pool).
 - c) Fields Committee: Mr. Ungar updated the Commission on the maintenance of the school fields and use on rainy days. He noted the fields are not being maintained adequately by the school as required and that he plans to provide a report on such to the school. Commissioner Butlein noted the annual reporting process on the

field quality needs to be followed to ensure the school and town is aware of our concerns (and they are well documented). Further, it was noted the fields are being used even after being closed for rain causing further damage. Mr. Ungar further noted trenches were dug at a Morehouse softball field by users (pictures were provide) completely destroying parts of the field. He indicated he was trying to identify the users who dug the trenches to seek reimbursement for the cost of any repairs (he will report back at the next meeting on his findings).

Finally, Mr. Ungar reported on Dr. Dest's visit to Weston on September 15, 2014 to evaluate the condition of Morehouse and Bisceglie fields. He noted the informal feedback was generally positive and that a formal report was expected soon.

- d) Parks Committee: No update.
- e) Programs Committee: No update.
- 5) New Business: None
- 6) Correspondence: None
- 7) Announcements: Chairman Albert announced that the WPRC meeting planned for December 8th will be moved to December 15th.
Commission Bernstein had two announcements 1) He attended his 50th reunion of his law school (Michigan) and more importantly 2) that he recently became a grandfather. All commissioners congratulated him on both matters.
- 8) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:31 p.m. There was a motion by Commissioner Juneau, seconded by Commissioner Butlein, to adjourn. The motion was approved. For: 6 Against: 0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Crowley, Secretary

