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Parks & Recreation Commission

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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, September 8, 2014 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Dave Juneau, Carl Bernstein, Brian Collins, Jed Ferdinand, and Mark Crowley. Public Present: David Levy, new president of Weston Basketball. 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 July 14, 2014 regular meeting were approved, subject to minor modifications. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Commissioner Juneau which was seconded by Commissioner Ferdinand. Motion was approved. For: 6 Against:0.

2) Public Forum.

- a) Conversation with David Levy, President Weston Basketball – Mr. Levy discussed the mission of the Weston Basketball program noting they are focused on making sure more of the Weston community is aware of the program so it can expand and improve. He discussed some of the various ways the program is trying to get the local colleges in the area to help with teaching the players and developing the coaching skills (including teaching at weekly open gyms sessions and participation in coach's clinics). He also

discussed the costs of the programs and the efforts to contain the costs to ensure the players fees remain reasonable.

3) Unfinished Business

- a) Review of action items due from July 14 - none
- b) 4th of July Recap – Mr. Ungar reviewed the finances from the event noting the net cost was consistent with prior years.
- c) Stadium Lighting Project Update – Commissioner Bernstein noted the stadium lights were installed as planned. Testing of the lights was performed and the quality was very good with minimal spillage to neighboring areas. The new sound system was also tested and the sound quality was adequate, however, some expressed concerns about the quality (i.e., the quality was less than expected). Chairman Albert noted the MOU with the neighbors required a committee (including 2 neighbors, 1 Board of Selectman, 1 Board of Education, and 1 WPRC) to review any concerns that arise with the use of the lighting and sound system. He noted he asked Commission Ferdinand to fill the WPRC position on the committee and he graciously accepted.
- d) BSP Irrigation repair status – Mr. Ungar noted that the electrical and water mains at Bisceglie Fields were repaired. The final cost of the repairs was \$7,000 (as compared to the \$5,300 originally expected). The additional \$1,700 of costs related to replacement of some of the common areas that need to be removed during the repair (the costs were split between the Town and Weston Little League).
- e) Turf Field replacement – Commissioner Bernstein noted the turf field was replaced as planned and Sprint Field did a great job. He noted the field hockey lines still need to be cut into the turf (there are currently temporary lines) and Sprint is expected to cut the lines next year (at no additional cost to the Town).
- f) Other unfinished business - none

4) New Business:

- a) None

5) Report of standing committees:

- a) Administrative Committee: Mr. Ungar distributed (and the Commission discussed) the Activity Bottom Line Report for August 2014 and comparative information from August 2013.
- b) Aquatics: Mr. Ungar distributed and reviewed the Aquatic Director's (Lynn Stevens) report on the Bisceglie Pond 2014 Season noting a very successful year for the Pond. The report included several suggested repairs or improvements for the pond

area (e.g., repairs to the fence and walkway and potential addition of a sun shield in playground area). The Commissioners discussed the potential improvements and ask Mr. Ungar to look into the costs and suggest ways to address these areas.

Mr. Ungar also provided the Commission with an update on the pool painting and HVAC repairs. He noted the painting was complete but the contractor did not complete the repairs to the HVAC system (the system still needs to be connected). Mr. Ungar noted he is working on getting the repairs complete and will provide an update at the next meeting.

- c) Fields: Chairman Albert updated the Commission on the Coley Field renovation noting fields look great, however, the benches in the dugouts are missing. Mr. Ungar indicated he would find out why the benches are missing and find a solution to get them back. Mr. Ungar also noted that he continues to look into a potential solution for fixing the Admin Basketball court (the paint on the court is severely chipping) noting one solution may be to remove the paint (he is looking into why the court needs to be painted).
- d) Parks: No update.
- e) Programs: Mr. Ungar distributed and reviewed Program Director's (Bill Schaefer) report on the 2014 summer camps. Commissioners discuss the details of the report noting the accomplishments of the program and their appreciation for all of the staff that helped make the camps successful in 2014.

Mr. Ungar also reviewed the summary of the Ladies Softball league provided by Bill Schaefer noting another successful year. Chairman Albert asked Mr. Ungar to consider ways to get the word out about the Men's Softball league to hopefully increase participation next year.

- 6) Correspondence: None
- 7) Announcements: None
- 8) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:31 p.m. There was a motion by Chairman Albert, seconded by Commissioner Ferdinand, to adjourn. The motion was approved. For: 6 Against: 0.

Approved on October 6, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Crowley, Secretary

