

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



Incorporated 1787

Parks & Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012

7:45 P.M.

WESTON TOWN HALL

DAUGHERTY COMMISSION ROOM

Eric Albert
Chairman
Committees:
Administrative,
Programs

Robert Uzenoff
Vice Chairman
Committee:
Administrative

Carl Bernstein
Commissioner
Committees:
Fields, Parks

Marc Butlein
Commissioner
Committee:
Programs

Brian Collins
Commissioner
Committee:

Jed Ferdinand
Secretary
Committee:
Aquatics

David Juneau
Commissioner
Committee: Fields

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The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission (WPRC) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 14, 2012 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert (Chairman), Carl Bernstein, Marc Butlein, Brian Collins, Jed Ferdinand, Bob Uzenoff, David Juneau. Commissioners absent: none. Public Present: None.

- 1) Call to order: Mr. Albert called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the April 12, 2012 meeting were approved subject to minor modifications. For: Albert, Ferdinand, Butlein, Bernstein, Collins, Juneau and Uzenoff. Against: None. Motion carried 7-0.
- 3) Public Forum.
None
- 4) Unfinished Business
 - a) Review of Action Items: None.
 - b) Revson Field: Mr. Ungar reported that the final repairs to varsity field have not been completed due to contractor delays. The field will not be playable in the spring as previously hoped. The junior varsity field is completed and is in use. Commissioner Butlein suggests contacting the BOE to get their perception of the status of

- 30 varsity field. Commissioner Uzenoff suggests that someone from
31 P&R attend a BOE meeting to ensure proper communication.
- 32 c) Financial Planning and Reporting. Mr. Ungar presented draft
33 budget projections for the Enterprise Fund for 2012-13 (copies
34 attached). A discussion ensued on the level of detail of financial
35 reporting that should be compiled by P&R. Mr. Ungar believes that
36 P&R will continue to see a positive balance for income over
37 expenses. The consensus of the Commission was that the draft
38 document was a great first step. There was a suggestion for further
39 category breakdown, such as for third party run programs. A
40 further discussion ensued about the fact that there is an additional
41 \$400,000 in the Operating Budget that is not factored in these
42 figures. So the actual budget in terms of costs is higher. The plan
43 is to revise the document and to meet with the First Selectmen and
44 Board of Finance. The goal of the BOF is to generate enough
45 revenue to offset some salary.
- 46 d) Adult and Senior Programming:
- 47 Mr. Ungar reported that P&R is still exploring many different
48 options to enhance the current offerings for adult and senior
49 programming. A few programs have started. There have been a
50 family fishing clinic and an adult tennis clinic during the day. Both
51 were advertised on the web site. Family fishing had 25 participants,
52 while tennis had less. Mr. Ungar has been trying to negotiate with
53 Norfield Church to use their kitchen for cooking classes.
54 Commissioner Bernstein has been invited to a meeting to discuss
55 available space at Hurlbutt for adult and senior programming.
56 Commissioner Bernstein continues to believe that the space at
57 Hurlbutt is perfectly suited for an enhanced senior center.
- 58 e) Other Unfinished business:
- 59 (a) A few brief comments about Weston Little League.
60 Board of Selectmen approved, without comment, the
61 proposed new batting cage at Bisceglie Field #3.
- 62 (b) Weston Little League has not yet presented a document
63 about outfield sign sponsorships in order to generate
64 additional revenue. The Commission will wait to
65 receive that document before considering the matter
66 further.
- 67 5) Report of standing committees and resulting motions:
- 68 a) Administrative Committee: None.
- 69 b) Aquatics Committee: The Special Olympics recently held its
70 Northeast Regional at the Middle School pool in Weston.
71 Thousands attended and it was a great event. The new starting
72 blocks are fully installed and operational. All other repairs and

- 73 projects previously discussed are in the 2012-13 budget. The repairs
74 will start while the pool is shut down during the month of July.
- 75 c) Fields Committee: Mr. Ungar is satisfied with the condition of the
76 fields at this time. Commissioner Butlein suggested creating a
77 punch list of items that the various organizations bring to our
78 attention, and that we share that punch list with the BOE. We
79 should also encourage users to attend the BOE Facilities
80 Subcommittee meeting.
- 81 d) Programs Committee: Mr. Ungar reviewed the figures for summer
82 day camp registration. The Sports Camp is at capacity.
83 Registration for Soaring Eagle is low.
- 84 e) Parks Committee: Mr. Ungar is satisfied with the condition of the
85 parks at this time. The punch list of items for Bisceglie Park
86 playground are being addressed.
- 87 6) New Business:
- 88 a) 4th of July: Mr. Ungar was pleased to report that it appears there
89 may be an opening for 4th of July fireworks after all. The work on
90 wetlands remediation will not begin until after July 4th. This will
91 allow the fireworks to go forward. The contract with the fireworks
92 company is under consideration. Commissioner Albert suggested
93 asking local businesses to become junior sponsors. The
94 Commission was lukewarm on this proposal because of the
95 constraints on our local businesses. A discussion ensued of
96 whether to increase the fees on a per car basis. The Commission
97 will continue this discussion at the next monthly meeting.
- 98 7) Correspondence:
- 99 8) Announcements: None.
- 100 9) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Butlein/
101 Uzenoff motion and second. All in favor 7-0.
- 102 Respectfully Submitted,
103 Jed Ferdinand, Secretary

