

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



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Parks & Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2011
7:30 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, November 14, 2011 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert (Chairman), Marc Butlein, Brian Collins, Jed Ferdinand, David Juneau and Carl Bernstein (7:55 p.m.). Public present: Erin Lynch (TheDailyWeston.com).

- 1) Call to order: Mr. Albert called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting were approved subject to minor modifications. For: Albert, Butlein, Collins, Ferdinand, Juneau. Against: None. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3) Public Forum.
 - a) None. No one from public appearing.
- 4) Unfinished Business
 - a) Bisceglie Park #2 Renovation Project: The project was successfully completed in time for the Little League playoffs at the end of October. The contractor, Fabco, completed the work on time and did an excellent job. It is expected that renovations for field #3 will occur next summer, subject to approval in the upcoming budget. It was reported that during the late October snow storm the batting cage next to field #1 was destroyed. A question was raised about the possibility of having insurance pay for the damage or getting money from FEMA.

- 31 b) Revson Field: The progress on the ongoing renovations has been
32 very slow. On a positive note, renovation on the junior varsity field
33 is essentially complete. With respect to the varsity field, progress
34 has been much slower. It will be essential to put down sod before
35 the ground is frozen to ensure that the field is ready for play in the
36 spring.
- 37 c) RecTrac Web Registration: Registration for winter programs began
38 last week. Two programs were open for registration last week and
39 two more will be open this week. The on-line registration system is
40 now much improved from the original registration back in August.
41 Mr. Ungar estimates that 90-95% of the residents were able to
42 register successfully. There were a few errors related to people
43 trying to log on to the system. The technical support provided by
44 Vermont Systems has been effective and well utilized.
- 45 d) Middle School Pool Issues Reports: Mr. Ungar circulated a report
46 detailing the problems at the Middle School pool and the status of
47 efforts to address these problems. A copy of the report will be
48 attached to the Minutes. Mr. Ungar has been working with the
49 Board of Ed Facilities Manager to improve conditions at the pool.
50 Chairman Albert reiterated a request for a checklist of action items
51 and whether the item has been addressed or not.
- 52 e) Insurance for Sponsored Programs:
53 Mr. Ungar reported that sponsored groups were continuing to sign
54 in using a master form with a “hold harmless” provision at the
55 bottom. Mr. Collins reported that he has observed that the system
56 may not be working in that individual participants of the group
57 activities may not have signed forms. Mr. Ferdinand suggested
58 reaching out to Town Counsel, the Board of Ed and/or the
59 Insurance Commission to seek guidance on how to handle the
60 insurance issue. The Commission will seek further guidance and
61 the matter will be addressed at the next regular meeting.
- 62 5) Report of standing committees and resulting motions:
- 63 a) Administrative Committee: None.
- 64 b) Aquatics Committee: See item 4(d), above.
- 65 c) Fields Committee: See items 4(a) and (b), above.
- 66 d) Programs Committee: See item 4(c), above. Mr. Ungar reported
67 that the number of registrants for the fall session was very positive,
68 and that as of now the number of registrants for winter sessions was
69 up from last year.
- 70 e) Parks Committee: Mr. Bernstein noted that Morehouse Farm Park
71 is in spectacular shape. Mr. Ungar concurred. In addition, the

- 72 Weston Parks Project donated remaining its funds to be used for
73 mulch at the Bisceglie playground.
- 74 6) New Business
- 75 a) Bisceglie Pond Recap: Mr. Ungar circulated a sheet containing the
76 registration numbers at Bisceglie Pond for summer 2011. The
77 consensus is that the decision to eliminate any usage fee was a
78 success. In addition, P&R was able to save money by cutting staff
79 – they didn’t use a dedicated employee to monitor the gate and
80 instead absorbed that job with other staff members. Mr. Collins
81 cautioned that there may be a discrepancy in the figures and a
82 discussion ensued. Mr. Butlein believes that the figures are likely
83 to be underreported because they don’t track repeated attendance.
84 Mr. Butlein suggested that to improve reporting for next summer
85 residents should be given a free pass for reporting purposes. This
86 will alleviate the tracking issue. Mr. Butlein also suggested that a
87 random telephone sample should be conducted of summer 2011
88 participants to inquire about the number of times they used the
89 facility.
- 90 b) Public use of track and tennis courts during school hours. The
91 public had been denied access to the track and tennis courts during
92 school hours. Members of the community approved. This issue
93 has been resolved. The public will continue to have access to the
94 track and tennis courts between the High School and the
95 Intermediate School during school hours, except when they are
96 being used by the schools.
- 97 c) New business item: Chairman Albert reported that the budget for
98 the coming year will be discussed at the December regular meeting.
99 Mr. Ungar will circulate draft budget guidelines in advance of the
100 meeting. Mr. Collins asked for details on the status of any
101 “enterprise funds” being held by P&R. This fund is a safety net for
102 P&R and is used as needed. Mr. Ungar reported that such funds do
103 exist, but that it was very difficult to identify the exact amount of
104 the funds because money was coming in and going out on an
105 ongoing basis.
- 106 7) Correspondence: None
- 107 8) Announcements: None
- 108 9) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:21 p.m., Juneau/
109 Bernstein motion and second. All in favor 6-0.
- 110 Respectfully Submitted,
111 Jed Ferdinand, Secretary

BISCEGLIE POND ATTENDANCE DATA SHEET

2010

2011

OPENING DATES

6/19/2010

6/25/2011

CLOSING DATES

9/6/2010

9/5/2011

HOURS

11:30 - 6:00
SUN - FRI
10:00 - 6:00
SAT.

11:30 - 6:00

JUNE TOTAL ATTENDANCE

442

445

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

40

64

JULY TOTAL ATTENDANCE

918

1274

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

32

41

AUGUST TOTAL ATTENDANCE

753

806

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

25

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SEPT. TOTAL ATTENDANCE

145

120

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

24

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HIGHEST ATTENDANCE DATE

8/6/2010

7/23/2011

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE NUMBER

66

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WESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL

OCTOBER 2011 REPORT

After the August commission meeting, there was a flurry of Bd of Ed workers down at the pool area within a week.

September 8, a meeting with Joanne Keating, Dan Clarke, Fred Neis, Dave Ungar and myself. Joanne wanted to find out about the blocks, who ordered them, when they were delivered. We also discussed the other issues regarding Weston Swimming complaints, air quality, over all locker room conditions etc. Bd of Ed did agree to budget again a new air controller system for the pool. The Rec Dept will look into another type of sanitation system for the pool water. Something to help with the corrosion problems in the building.

Urinal in boys locker room was replaced. However, now the other one is leaking and out of order.

Water fountains were adjusted and turned on, so they worked on the deck and locker rooms.

Handicap showers were replaced with working hand nozzles.

Septic odor in the girls locker room is from the pump for the sewage in the building. The closet is right next to the locker room and when the building is in heavy use, sometimes the smell goes into the girls side. I will notify the school custodian or Dan Clarke when the smell gets really bad. I'm not sure what they can do about it. This is not an everyday odor, just occasionally.

Hallway emergency doors were fixed to stay open. However, they are now not working again.

Pool area exhaust fan is still on manual and working well.

Balcony doors have a lock that does not unlock. The only way the doors will stay open is to wedge them open from the outside. This is difficult in the winter months because there is a draft that comes down into the pool area. We have to make sure that the balcony doors are shut. This makes all the people on the balcony hot, because they get all the pool heat rising up to the ceiling. The only way to make the doors unlock would be to get new locks.

Flooding of locker rooms has always been a problem. It has to do with the roof drains from the flat pool roof. They go down the walls of the locker rooms and somewhere under the building there are drains that lead outside. There is no quick fix.

Pool vacuum is working well. It gets put in by the cleaning lady after the pool closes at night and gets pulled out in the morning by the Early AM guard or the HS coach. There was a week in July when the cleaning company switched their hours and they did not put it in.

Pool Water Level - The only way to add water to the pool is by putting in a hose and turning on the faucet. Sometimes the hose gets left in the water too long, causing the water level to be high. It is a constant battle to keep the water at the right level. Thru evaporation and swimmers coming and going, the level goes down.

Timing System - There was a meeting with Ryan, Dave and Fred Neis (Bd of Ed electrician) to see why the timing system was not working. After everything was set up, there were not any problems. The system worked fine.

Pool Area Perimeter Lights – these lights are along the walls in the shallow and deep ends. There is one light that is hanging on a bracket, which looks dangerous. Fred Neis is aware of the problem. We will not use the lights, until they are fixed.

Diving Blocks may be installed during the Thanksgiving week. The Bd of Ed found the funds to install them. Unfortunately, the time to install them was in August when the pool shut down for maintenance. Dan Clarke is working with Rick Pinto to try to get them scheduled. Rick now has other work and may not have the time to install them. This could mean that they won't get installed until after HS swim season in March.

Other problems since the Aug. meeting:

Door locks in the building. The locks in the pool area are all slowly breaking and not repairable. All 6 pool deck doors were keyed for the same key. The main entrance doors and balcony doors are also keyed with the same outside entrance key.

The Bd of Ed technician is now replacing the locks with odd locks that were from the old doors in the schools. So far, the filter room door lock was replaced with a lock not keyed the same as the other locks. They were only able to give us 1 key for the door, so we have to keep it in the office and when we need to get into the filter room we have to get it in the office. The next door lock that broke was the equipment room, this lock they just removed, so we cannot lock the door.

The 3rd lock to break was the girls locker room deck door. They also installed an old lock and with only one key. This key we also have to keep in the office with the filter room key. For me to enter the pool, I have to use the boy's locker room deck door.

Filter room electrical issues - Since Labor Day the outlets in the filter room have not worked. As a result of this happening, the chemical controller is not working.

Fred Neis ordered a new plug for the controller right after a meeting we had with Dan Clarke, Joann Keating, Dave, Fred & myself on September 7. The order was somehow delivered with the wrong parts and we are still waiting for the right one.



Commercial Aquatic Systems & Supplies

November 2, 2011

Weston Park and Rec
P.O. Box 1184
Weston, CT 06883

Attention: Lynn Stevens

Streamline Aquatics is pleased to present the following pricing for your consideration.

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Prominent U.V. System Price Includes: -Unit -Bulbs -Installation -All fittings -Startup Training		29,900

FOB: Manufacturer

Terms: Net 30

State sales tax not included in pricing

Pricing good for 30 days

If you have any questions or require further information please feel free to contact me at (860) 430-1255.

Sincerely

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<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Starting Blocks Installation		2995.00
	-Remove and dispose of old blocks		
	-Assemble and install new anchors and stands with grout finish around anchor		

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Terms: Net 30

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Bisceglie- Scribner pond cost per participant report 2008-2011

2008 no fees charged.

Cost \$35,000.

Participants 1044

Individual pond visits 3,235

Cost per participant \$33.52

Cost per visit \$10.82

2009 no fees charged

Cost \$35,000

Participants 961

Individual pond visits 3,555

Cost per participant \$36.42

Cost per visit \$9.85

2010 charged \$60.00 family / \$30.00 individual / \$5.00 drop in

Cost \$35,881

Income \$5,812

Total cost \$30,068

Participants 248

Individual pond visits 2,258

Cost per participant \$121.25

Cost per visit \$13.32

2011 no fees charged

Cost \$26,003

Participants 900

Individual pond visits 2,818

Cost per participant \$28.90

Cost per visit \$9.23



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Attention: Lynn Stevens

Streamline Aquatics is pleased to present the following pricing for your consideration.

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Pulsar 3 System		1668.00
	Installation		700.00
	-Includes all plumbing as well as 110V plug in for booster pump. Addition electrical work to be provided by owner.		

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Terms: Net 30

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