

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



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Parks & Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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, December 10, 2012 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Carl Bernstein, Robert Uzenoff, Jed Ferdinand, Dave Juneau, Brian Collins and Marc Butlein (7:58 p.m.). Call to order: Chairman Albert called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Public present: none.

1) Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the November 15, 2012 regular meeting were approved. For: Albert, Collins, Juneau and Uzenoff. Against: None. Motion carried 4-0.

2) Public Forum.

None.

3) Unfinished Business

a) Review of Action Items: None.

4) Report of standing committees and resulting motions:

a) Administrative Committee:

i) Commissioner Albert reported on a recent meeting with the First Selectman. The First Selectman is pleased with the improvement of the Parks & Recreation Department with respect to the steps implemented in the past six months towards greater financial reporting and transparency.

- 31 ii) Mr. Ungar reviewed the Winter 2012-2013 registration figures
32 for Parks and Recreation Department programs. Basketball
33 registration figures are positive. Middle School skiing
34 registration is down from last year.
- 35 iii) Financial Planning and Reporting: Mr. Ungar presented an
36 Activity Bottom Line Report. Mr. Ungar explained that the
37 figures are incomplete due to the inability to get certain
38 information from Rec-Trac. A discussion ensued of the figures
39 and categories and the need to adjust columns to ensure
40 accuracy and ease of reference.
- 41 b) Aquatics: Mr. Ungar reported that the UV system is operating
42 exceptionally well. A discussion ensued regarding the proper
43 location for a new HVAC unit at the Middle School Pool. In
44 addition, the P&R Department received a request from a new diving
45 program for time to use the pool. The program is comprised of
46 mostly Weston kids. The P&R Department is trying to
47 accommodate them.
- 48 c) Fields:
- 49 i) Mr. Ungar raised the issue of rotating the fields at Morehouse
50 Farms Park in order to better preserve them. He sent an email
51 to the Weston Soccer Club to raise the issue. The club is
52 cooperative. The Department has determined to renovate Field
53 5 first. That field will remain out of service from the spring to
54 fall. This is a good demonstration on the cooperation between
55 Parks & Rec and Weston Soccer.
- 56 ii) The discussion continued regarding the damage caused by
57 Hurricane Sandy to two backstops at Bisceglie Scribner Park.
58 The repair estimates are \$6,000. The Town has indicated that it
59 will be difficult to recover money from FEMA for the damage.
60 Mr. Ungar has put in a request for the repairs in the upcoming
61 Capital Budget. Commissioner Bernstein suggests asking about
62 the possibility of insurance coverage.
- 63 d) Parks: Mr. Ungar is satisfied with the condition of the parks.
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- 65 5) New Business:
- 66 A. 2013-14: Operating and Capital Budget discussion
- 67 1. Operating Budgets. Mr. Ungar presented the draft operating
68 budgets for 2013. The budget contains a \$20,000 Enterprise Fund
69 offset. The proposed budget contains no salary increases per
70 instructions from the Town. The overall budget is a 2% increase from
71 the prior year. A lengthy discussion ensued about each line item.

72 The Commission then voted on each of the proposed budgets, as
73 follows:

74 #910 ADMINISTRATION: Motion to approve the draft budget.
75 Bernstein and Collins. Motion approved 7-0.

76 #912 – PARKS AND GROUNDS; Motion to approve the draft
77 budget. Collins and Juneau. Motion approved 7-0.

78 #913: MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL: Motion to approve the draft
79 budget. Collins and Uzenoff. Motion approved 7-0.

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81 2. Capital Budget:

82 A discussion ensued about the Turf Replacement Fund. The
83 football field is in great shape, but the soccer field is in terrible shape and
84 will need to be replaced in due course. There was a suggestion to contact
85 the original field turf contractor to find out how much it will cost to replace
86 the turf. Mr. Butlein suggests that we look at the contract to see if it is still
87 under warranty.

88 CAPITAL BUDGET: Motion to approve the draft Capital Budget.
89 Juneau and Bernstein. Motion approved 7-0.

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91 B. 2013 Meeting Dates: The Commission set meeting dates for 2013
92 as follows:

93 **MEETING DATES 2013:**

94 February 11, 2013

95 March 11, 2013

96 April 8, 2013

97 May 13, 2013

98 June 10, 2013

99 July 8, 2013

100 August 12, 2013

101 September 9, 2013

102 October 7, 2013

103 November 4, 2013

104 December 9, 2013

105 January 13, 2014

106 C. Officer Nominations for 2013. Mr. Bernstein nominated Chairman
107 Albert to remain as Chairman. Mr. Uzenoff made a motion to have Mr.
108 Collins serve as Vice-Chairman.

109 Motion: To nominate Mr. Albert as Chairman and Mr. Collins as
110 Vice-Chairman. Motion approved 7-0.

111 6) Correspondence: None.

112 7) Announcements: None.

113 8) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

114 Bernstein/Uzenoff motion and second. All in favor 7-0.

115 Respectfully Submitted,

116 Jed Ferdinand, Secretary

