



Incorporated 1787

Parks & Recreation Commission

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY MAY 11, 2009**

**7:30 P.M.
DAUGHERTY COMMISSION ROOM
WESTON TOWN HALL**

Draft Minutes¹

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- 5 David C. Juneau
Chairman
- 6 Committees:
- 7 Administrative,
- 8 Fields
- 9 Carlos Mello
Vice chairman
- 10 Committee:
- 11 Aquatics
- 12 Nancy Babyak
Commissioner
- 13 Committee:
- 14 Programs
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- 16 Marc Butlein
Commissioner
- 17 Committee:
- 18 Programs
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- 20 Carl Bernstein
Commissioner
- 21 Committees:
- 22 Fields, Parks
- 23 [Vacant]
Commissioner
- 24 Committee:
- 25 Aquatics
- 26 Robert A. Uzenoff
Commissioner
- 27 Committee:
- 28 Administrative
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Official action of the commission in these minutes is indicated by underlining.

- 1) In the forewarned absence of the chairman and delay in the arrival of the vice chairman, at the request of the chairman, Mr. Uzenoff called the May meeting of the commission to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners present: Babyak, Bernstein, Butlein and Uzenoff. Commissioner Mello arrived during the public forum. Commissioner absent: Juneau. Public present: Kevin Funk

- 2) The commission approved the minutes of meeting April 13, 2009 without change. For: Bernstein and Uzenoff. Against: [None] Abstain: Babyak and Butlein. The commission present unanimously approved adding as an agenda item the approval of the special meeting of April 18. The commission approved the minutes of the special meeting April 18, 2009 without minor changes. For: Bernstein and Uzenoff. Against: [None] Abstain: Babyak and Butlein.

- 3) Public forum – the commission welcomed Weston Girls Softball (WGS) president Kevin Funk. Mr. Funk had been invited to meet with the commission as part of the commission’s ongoing dialogue with sports groups in town. Mr. Funk handed commissioners a prepared report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes as Appendix 1.

The following supplemental information is in addition to that in the appendix: WGS provides recreational softball opportunity for Weston

¹ These minutes have not been approved by the Commission.

30 girls in grades one through eight divided into four leagues of five or six
31 teams per league: grades one and two, three and four, five and six, and
32 seven and eight.

33 Play is on North House, Morehouse Farm Park (MFP) fields three and
34 four, Onion Barn, and Bus Garage. North House is the favorite field for
35 quality and aesthetics followed closely by those at MFP. The Onion
36 Barn field is favored for its coziness, and parents like the proximity of
37 the Buss Garage field to the playground for players with young siblings.

38 Coaches are all unpaid volunteers. Umpires earn \$65 per game.
39 Registration fee varies by league and include a sweatshirt, jersey, and
40 visor for each player, umpires, trophies, and annual end-of-season
41 picnic:

Grades	Registration Fee
1-2	\$150
3-4	\$250
5-6	\$275
7-8	\$275

42 Mr. Funk praised Mr. Ungar's long-standing and excellent service to
43 WGS, saying that its success wouldn't have been possible without him.
44 The commission thanked Mr. Funk for his dedication and service to
45 providing the WGS experience for many years.

46 4) Unfinished Business

47 a) In reviewing the action item due from the April meeting, Mr. Ungar
48 reported he received from Mr. Juneau the wording for the human
49 history sign to be placed at MFP. Mr. Ungar reported is exploring on
50 his initiative a local alternate to KVO Industries, the supplier
51 previously approved by the commission for the United States
52 National Park Service style porcelain enamel sign. Mr. Ungar said
53 the he prefers to purchase from a local source if a local source can
54 equal the specifications. The sense of the commission was for Mr.
55 Ungar to handle acquisition of the sign without further commission
56 action.

57 b) Regarding the potential AT&T cellular telephone tower at MFP, Mr.
58 Ungar reported that town counsel is reviewing MFP deed
59 restrictions.

60 5) Reports of standing committees and resulting motions:

61 a) Administrative Committee – When questioned about the fee
62 structure for the pond at Bisceglie-Scribner Park (BSP), Mr. Ungar
63 said he planned to repeat last year's program of tracking attendance
64 and not charging a fee.

- 65 b) Aquatics Committee (Mr. Mello) Mr. Ungar reported he planned to
66 open BSP for swimming on the Saturday after the last day of school
67 and close after Labor Day.
- 68 c) Fields Committee (Messrs. Juneau, Bernstein) Mr. Ungar reported
69 that Spring rain drainage were inexplicably different this year, some
70 fields that did not drain well last year were drained well this year,
71 and vice versa. At least three varsity baseball games were cancelled
72 due to standing water on Revson field. There is one remaining shock
73 aeration treatment due for Revson that was scheduled for May 4
74 and postponed due to rain.
- 75 d) Programs Committee (Mrs. Babyak and Mr. Butlein) Mr. Ungar
76 reported sports camp enrollment was up dramatically and that the
77 Junior Eagles program was already filled. Programs will serve 150
78 to 250 children in day camp and 300 to 350 in sports camps.
- 79 e) Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein) Mr. Bernstein had just this day
80 visited Keene Park and reported someone was using it. Mr. Ungar
81 reported the Weston Park Project renovation and enhancements at
82 BSP were on budget and “phenomenal”, expanding that project
83 engineer Cory Attra was performing a “superb” service. The project
84 will be completed before the opening in June. A cedar hexagonal
85 pavilion has been placed in the picnic table area and the gate is
86 under construction. MR. Ungar was very pleased with the design
87 and construction work of MLC Design Build LLC of Covenant
88 Lane.
- 89 6) New Business
- 90 a) Mr. Ungar suggested the commission honor recently-deceased
91 commissioner Kane by naming the pavilion at BSP for him. Mr.
92 Uzenoff questioned the fairness of such a gesture, asking what
93 criteria applied and whether this wasn’t a slippery slope to embark
94 on. Mr. Uzenoff suggested honoring Mr. Kane through the
95 establishment of a new award, such as a sportsmanship award, or by
96 placing some memorial, for example planting a tree. The
97 commission directed Mr. Ungar to investigate what would be
98 required in naming the BSP pavilion for Mr. Kane, such as approval
99 by the selectmen.
- 100 7) Under correspondence, Mr. Ungar received a communication from
101 Little League requesting commission approval of their intention to place
102 a 20-foot flag pole at BSP but not specifying the location. Mr. Ungar
103 will ask Little League to provide the necessary additional information,
104 especially placement.
- 105 8) The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2009-07 Opened May 11, 2009. The commission directed Mr. Ungar to investigate what would be required to name the BSP pavilion for Mr. Kane, such as approval by the selectmen.
- 2009-08 Opened May 1,, 2009. Regarding the installation of a flagpole at BSP, Mr. Ungar will ask Little League to provide the necessary additional information, especially placement.



Weston Girls Babe Ruth Softball League

Weston, Connecticut 06883



WESTON GIRLS BABE RUTH SOFTBALL

Overview: Weston Girl's softball in its current form was started in 1991. Two Girls teams played one another that spring. 18 years later, over 4000 Weston Girls have played softball. In 2009 we have approximately 245 girls playing on 22 teams in grades 1 through 8.

Softball in Weston is very much a "recreation" sport. Meaning that the league encourages girls of all levels of athletic ability to play. Through our affiliation with Babe Ruth, Inc. we have the ability to compete in their All Star program which takes place during the summer months.

Coaching: All our Men and Women are local volunteers, most are parents. Dave Lustberg, our Varsity softball coach puts all the coaches through a training program, and has a weekly FREE clinic for any girl who wants to improve her softball skills. The league also has a no tolerance policy regarding arguing with the umpire. Coaches know that they will be removed from the league if they argue with the umpire.

Softball Picnic: This year will mark our 15th year we have had a year ending picnic to celebrate the season and distribute trophies. This picnic sums up the goals of the program, for the girls....having fun playing softball with your friends. For the parents....an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new people.

Insurance: The league is sanctioned by Babe Ruth, Inc...and insurance is issued by K & K Insurance. Dave has the information on file. We carry both liability and accident policies.

Dave Ungar: Dave Ungar has not paid me to say this...but we have the best Parks and Rec. Director in Fairfield County. Through Dave's leadership all the various community groups work together and share our valuable resources, our playing fields. And of course the Parks & Recreation Commission has always been a strong supporter of Weston Girls Softball.

Questions? Thank you for this opportunity to visit with you.

Kevin Funk

President, Weston Girls Softball.