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Parks & Recreation Commission

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY JUNE 13, 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:

David Juneau  
*Commissioner*  
Committee: Fields

*Official action of the commission in these minutes is indicated by underlining.*

The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission (WPRC) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 13, 2011 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Carl Bernstein, Marc Butlein, Brian Collins, David Juneau and Bob Uzenoff. Commissioner absent: Jed Ferdinand. Staff present: David Ungar. Public present: Frank Peloso (Fapco); Joe Cina (Weston Little League); Margaret Wirtenberg.

- 1) Call to order: Mr. Albert called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting were approved. For: Albert, Bernstein, Butlein, Collins, Juneau and Uzenoff. Against: None.
- 3) Public Forum.
  - a) See Items 6(b) and 6(c) below.
- 4) Unfinished Business
  - a) Review of Action Items Due from May 9, 2011 Meeting.
    - i) There currently are no open Action Items.
  - b) Full Court Peace Fundraiser Recap.
    - i) Mr. Ungar provided the Commission with a document received from Mike Evans of Full Court Peace (FCP) recapping its recent fundraiser. According to Mr. Evans' note, the event was

successful and FCP intends to repeat the event annually. FCP benefited between \$600-\$800 and there were 20 participants, 14 of whom were from Weston.

- c) Revson Field Renovation Project Status.
  - i) Mr. Ungar stated that the project is still on track to be completed over the summer, and that the specifications have been reviewed and endorsed by Mr. Ungar, John Clevenger of Weston Baseball, First Selectman Weinstein and Dan Clarke of the Schools.
  - ii) The project has faced some opposition in Town, and certain townspeople directly contacted Dr. Dest, who had been hired to oversee the project. Dr. Dest informed Mr. Ungar that as a result of these contacts, he did not want the job. Thereafter, Milone and MacBroom was hired to oversee the project. The Commission and Mr. Ungar discussed at length the concerns with people in Town negatively impacting the project.
  - iii) Mr. Ungar reported that John Conte, Town Engineer, did a detailed elevation plan and construction plan and the specs previously sent out to potential bidders were being revised. Mr. Ungar and the Commission reviewed these plans and discussed at length the work that will be undertaken.
  - iv) Mr. Ungar expects that new requests for proposals will likely be sent out this week, with a due date of June 30. The plan is for the work to commence before the end of July and be concluded by the end of August.
- d) Weston Park Project Final Project Status.
  - i) Mr. Ungar informed the Commission that Weston Park Project has sufficient funds left in its account to pay for two of the three parts of the Bisceglie-Scribner Park (BSP) walking trail renovation. The other part will be funded out of P&R's parks operating budget. The work is expected to begin soon with the hopes of the trail renovation being completed before the end of the summer.
- e) Other Unfinished Business.
  - i) Weston Basketball Association Backboards at Admin. Court: Mr. Ungar reported that WBA's gift of new backboards for installation at the outdoor court at the Admin. Building costs less than \$1,000, so the First Selectman was able to accept WBA's gift on behalf of the Town, as per WPRC's recommendation at its May 2011 meeting. The gift was accepted by the First Selectman and the backboards have been purchased by WBA and delivered. Mr. Ungar expects the backboards to be installed very soon. In addition, Mr. Ungar

reported that the Admin. court has been resurfaced and repainted and is in very good shape.

ii) Movie Under the Stars: Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Ungar reported that as a result of the wetlands remediation project this summer, the field between the Middle School and High School, where the Labor Day movie night has been held, will not be available this Labor Day. Because there are no other sites that are viable alternatives, the event will not be held this year. Mr. Bernstein reported that Paul Levin hopes to be able to hold the event again in 2012.

iii) RecTrac: Mr. Ungar reported that the on-line registration software will soon be delivered to the Town, and the P&R staff will receive three days of training during the week of July 11. The plan still is for P&R program registration to be on-line as of this Fall.

5) Reports of Standing Committees and Resulting Motions.

a) Administrative Committee (Messrs. Albert and Uzenoff).

i) Mr. Albert announced that he has appointed Mr. Ferdinand to be Secretary of the Commission, starting with the July 2011 meeting.

b) Aquatics Committee.

i) Mr. Ungar reported that the BSP Pond was cleaned and repainted and is now filled with water. The Health Department will be testing the water on June 20 and if the test results are fine as expected, the Pond will open for the season on June 25. Mr. Ungar further reported that he accepted an offer from a townsperson who has volunteered to re-roof the lifeguard shack at the Pond.

ii) Mr. Ungar stated that the Middle School Pool will be drained and regular maintenance/painting will occur in August, as in prior years.

c) Fields Committee (Messrs. Bernstein and Juneau).

i) Mr. Ungar reported that the Bisceglie and Morehouse fields held up very well over the course of the spring sports seasons. Morehouse 5 will be reseeded over the summer.

d) Programs Committee (Messrs. Albert and Butlein).

i) Mr. Ungar reported that summer camp registration has been fantastic; enrollment is full.

e) Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein).

i) Mr. Ungar reported that the Town parks are all in good shape.

- 6) New Business.
  - a) 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event List.
    - i) Mr. Ungar provided the Commission with the list of events and schedule for the July Fourth event.
  - b) Interview with Frank Peloso from Fapco Landscaping: Parks Maintenance Contract.
    - i) Mr. Ungar reported that the Town received 7 bids for the Bisceglie and Morehouse maintenance contract that begins on July 1, 2011. The bids were opened on June 6 at 2pm at Weston Town Hall by Mr. Ungar and Tom Landry. The lowest bidder was Frank Peloso and Fapco Landscaping of Easton, CT. Mr. Peloso appeared before the Commission to discuss his qualifications.
    - ii) Mr. Peloso informed the Commission that his company has been in business since 1982, and has been doing fields maintenance since 1992. Fapco previously did work for Weston, and also has significant fields maintenance experience in numerous towns in Westchester County.
    - iii) Mr. Peloso stated that his company is fully licensed and insured and has all the equipment necessary for the project. The equipment is housed in Norwalk and Mr. Peloso resides in Easton. He has read Dr. Dest's most recent report and is comfortable that he will be able to provide high quality service on this project.
    - iv) Mr. Ungar stated that he has received references from Mr. Peloso, and has already heard back from one reference with a positive recommendation. Mr. Ungar is waiting to hear back from two other references. Mr. Ungar informed the Commission that he is comfortable with Mr. Peloso and Fapco doing the work.
    - v) Following the discussion with Mr. Peloso, The Commission also was comfortable with entering into the maintenance contract with Fapco.
  - c) Weston Little League Proposal for Outdoor Batting Cage and Field Clay Boxes.
    - i) Joe Cina of Weston Little League (WLL) appeared before the Commission to seek the Commission's approval of two projects at the BSP ballfields. As a result of having extra money in its budget from sponsorships, WLL would like to construct a batting cage next to Bisceglie 2, to be paid for in full by WLL. WLL also would like to construct small field clay boxes behind

the backstops of all three Bisceglie fields, to be paid for in full by WLL.

- ii) With regard to the batting cage, Mr. Cina provided a map that detailed the location of where the batting cage would be constructed – right outside the fence down the 3B/left field line. The cage would be nearly identical to the already-existing cage next to Bisceglie 1, although there would be low chain link around three sides of the new cage to protect it. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of having the new cage and advised Mr. Cina to be mindful of existing irrigation and power lines.
- iii) Mr. Bernstein made a motion that WPRC recommend that the Town accept the gift from WLL of a new batting cage to be placed next to Bisceglie 2 subject to receipt by the Chairman from WLL of a written project description that is materially similar to that described at tonight's meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Butlein. For: Albert, Bernstein, Butlein, Collins, Juneau and Uzenoff. Against: None. Motion passes 6-0.
- iv) With regard to the field clay boxes, Mr. Cina indicated that the boxes would be very small and inexpensive to construct. They would be similar to clay boxes already existing at other ballfields in Town, and would house small amounts of clay, mainly for use in the batters boxes.
- v) Mr. Juneau made a motion that WPRC allow WLL to construct small field clay boxes behind the backstops of Bisceglie 1, 2 and 3, as described by Mr. Cina at tonight's meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Butlein. For: Albert, Bernstein, Butlein, Collins, Juneau and Uzenoff. Against: None. Motion passes 6-0.

7) Correspondence.

- i) Mr. Albert read an email to the Commission that was sent by Joe Cina of WLL to Chris Boisvert, of P&R's maintenance staff. In the email, Mr. Cina was very thankful for Mr., Boisvert's hard work over the weekend to get the Bisceglie baseball fields ready for the championship games.

8) Announcements, Remarks for the Good of the Order.

- i) Mr. Bernstein informed the Commission of the recently-appointed Charter Revision Committee in Town and suggested that the Commissioners review the portions of the Town Charter that relate to P&R to see if any changes should be suggested to the Committee. Mr. Albert agreed to put this topic on a future WPRC meeting agenda.

- 9) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:30 p.m., Juneau/  
Bernstein motion and second. All in favor 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Albert

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

None