

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



Incorporated 1787

Parks & Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2013

7:45 P.M.

WESTON TOWN HALL
DAUGHERTY COMMISSION ROOM

Eric Albert
Chairman
Committees:
Administrative,
Programs

Brian Collins
Vice Chairman
Committee:
Administrative

Carl Bernstein
Commissioner
Committees:
Fields, Parks

Marc Butlein
Commissioner
Committee:
Programs

Robert Uzenoff
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 5, 2013 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Carl Bernstein, Brian Collins, Jed Ferdinand, Dave Juneau and Bob Uzenoff. Commissioner absent: Marc Butlein. Public Present: Seve Esposito and Jen Fruhbeis of Weston Little League. Call to order: Chairman Albert called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of the September 9, 2013 and October 7, 2013 regular meetings were approved, subject to modifications. For: Albert, Bernstein, Collins, Ferdinand, Juneau and Uzenoff. Motions carried 6-0.

2) Public Forum.

Application by Weston Little League described in detail below.

3) Unfinished Business

a) Review of Action Items: none.

b) Weston Little League Memorial to A.J. Cina: Seve Esposito and Jen Fruhbeis appeared on behalf of WLL to present a formal proposal entitled "Bisceglie 1 Field Lights and Scorer's Booth Proposal." WLL gave additional consideration to the lighting vendor and ultimately decided to go with Musco, who is the market

32 leader. Musco has presented a detailed plan addressing the lot plan,
33 light plan, spillage and wattage. Musco's proposal is also within
34 WLL's budget. Musco will provide a 25-year warranty that will
35 cover everything, including new bulbs. WLL expects to incur no
36 additional costs after installation.

37 WLL also presented a new plan for the scorer's booth.

38 WLL will fund the entire project.

39 A lengthy question and answer question ensued about the lighting
40 and scorer's booth projects. WLL indicated that they would
41 maintain the scorer's booth, just as they do for the snack shack.
42 Mr. Collins questioned whether the booth would have to be ADA
43 compliant. That will be a question for the Town Attorney. WLL
44 was asked about the adequacy of the electrical system, and
45 indicated that they do not have a definitive answer yet from CL&P.

46 WLL will pay for all lighting costs going forward. The Town will
47 need to figure out if an apportionment of its total CL&P bill will be
48 necessary. If so, WLL will pay its share.

49 The consensus of the Commission is that WLL's proposal is sound
50 and that the Commission considers this to be a partnership. The
51 Commission will do whatever is within its power to assist WLL in
52 the approval process moving forward.

53 Motion to Recommend Approval of Weston Little League's
54 Proposal Dated November 4, 2013 for Field Lights and Scorer's
55 Booth at Bisceglie Park #1

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57 Motion by Commissioner Juneau to recommend to the Board of
58 Selectmen that they accept the gift to the Town from Weston Little
59 League for enhancing Bisceglie-Scribner Field #1 by installing
60 lights and a scorer's booth on Field B#1 according to the plan dated
61 November 4, 2013, which shall include as the following conditions:

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63 1. Contracting with Musco Lighting to handle lighting installation;
64 2. Contracting with Musco Lighting or another suitable electrical
65 company to handle the electrical work;
66 3. WLL agrees to maintain the scorer's booth in good working
67 condition at all times at its own cost; and
68 4. WLL agrees to incur all of the ongoing operating costs
69 associated with the increased electricity usage at BSP as a result of
70 the lights.

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72 Commissioner Bernstein seconds. Motion unanimously approved
73 6-0 (Albert; Bernstein; Collins; Ferdinand, Juneau,
74 Uzenoff). (Butlein absent).

75 Separately, the Commission considered the issue of naming rights.
76 Specifically, the issue is whether Bisceglie #1 can be renamed after
77 A.J. Cina in light of the fact a considerable portion of the funds for
78 the project will come from donations made by his family and to his
79 foundation.

80 A lengthy discussion ensued, with the Commission split on the
81 issue. Those who oppose cite the Town's concern over precedent
82 and its historical reluctance to name any Town facility for a living
83 or deceased individual.

84 Motion by Chairman Albert to recommend to the Board of
85 Selectmen that Bisceglie #1 be renamed in honor of A.J. Cina.

86 Commissioner Bernstein seconds. Vote splits 3-3. For: Albert,
87 Bernstein and Ferdinand. Against: Collins, Juneau and Uzenoff.
88 Motion does not pass.

89 Commissioner Collins suggests an alternative proposal that would
90 consider naming just the new lighting and scorer's booth in favor of
91 A.J. Cina. Motion by Commissioner Collins to recommend to the
92 Board of Selectmen that the lighting project and scorer's booth be
93 renamed for A.J. Cina, with a suitable plaque. Commissioner
94 Juneau seconds. Commission approves 5-0 (Albert; Bernstien;
95 Collins; Juneau; Uzenoff. Ferdinand abstains).

96 4) Report of standing committees and resulting motions:

97 a) Administrative Committee: Mr. Ungar presented a draft Capital
98 Improvement Budget for the Fiscal Year 2014-15. The priorities are
99 replacement of the turf on the Varsity Field; pave the driveway at
100 the access road for Bisceglie Park; Coley Field renovations,
101 although ultimately WLL may fund the project.

102 Mr. Collins suggests raising the fee charged by sponsored leagues
103 from \$10 to \$15 per participant to fund turf replacement. A lengthy
104 discussion ensued about the need for projections to better
105 understand the financial needs for turf replacement and other future
106 projects.

107 b) Aquatics: Mr. Ungar reports that all aquatics facilities are in good
108 working order.

109 c) Fields: Mr. Ungar reported that JoAnne Keating is forming a turf
110 replacement committee for Varsity Field. Members will include
111 Mark Berkowitz, Dan Clarke and other members of the Board of
112 Education. The Committee will study recent turf replacement
113 projects of other towns and will hope to go out to bid.

114 Mr. Ungar also presented the filed reported conducted by Dr. Dest,
115 dated September 24, 2013. The report indicates that fields that
116 were given proper rest have shown a dramatic improvement. It also

- 117 revealed that perhaps the fields at Bisceglie are being overused.
118 Nevertheless, overall Weston's fields compare very favorably to
119 other towns.
- 120 d) Parks: Mr. Ungar is satisfied with the conditions of the parks.
- 121 e) Programs: None.
- 122 5) New Business: None.
- 123 6) Correspondence: None.
- 124 7) Announcements: None.
- 125 8) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:45 p.m.
126 Bernstein/Juneau motion and second. All in favor 6-0.
- 127 Respectfully Submitted,
128 Jed Ferdinand, Secretary

