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Parks & Recreation Commission

**REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY APRIL 12, 2010  
7:30 P.M.**

**WESTON TOWN HALL  
DAUGHERTY COMMISSION ROOM**

David C. Juneau  
*Chairman*  
Committees:  
Administrative,  
Fields

Carl Bernstein  
*Vice Chairman*  
Committees:  
Fields, Parks

Eric Albert  
*Secretary*  
Committees:  
Administrative,  
Programs

Marc Butlein  
*Commissioner*  
Committee:  
Programs

P.J. Dodge  
*Commissioner*  
Committee:  
TBD

Carlos Mello  
*Commissioner*  
Committee:  
Aquatics

Robert A. Uzenoff  
*Commissioner*  
Committee:

*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, April 12, 2010 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Marc Butlein, P.J. Dodge, David Juneau, Carlos Mello and Robert Uzenoff. Commissioners absent: Eric Albert, Carl Bernstein. Staff present: Weston Parks and Recreation (P&R) Director David Ungar. Public present: None.

- 1) Call to order: Mr. Juneau called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.
- 2) Approval of minutes. Minutes of the March 8, 2010 meeting were approved after corrections were made. For: Butlein, Dodge, Juneau, Mello, and Uzenoff. Against: None.
- 3) Public Forum: None
- 4) Unfinished Business
  - a) Review of Action Items from March 8, 2010 Meeting.
    - i) 2009-17 – Opened on 9/14/09. This item remains open
    - ii) 2009-22 – Opened on 11/9/09. This item remains open
    - iii) 2010-02 – Opened on 1/10/10. This item remains open.
    - iv) 2010-03 – Mr. Juneau reported that this item is still open and moving forward. Mr. Uzenoff is talking to a contact with the Bridgeport Bluefish and that the Bluefish are encouraged to work with the community

- v) 2010-04 – Mr. Ungar has met with Sharon Shattuck and she is willing to meet with Mr. Albert. Ms. Shattuck is very positive about working with the WPRC. The town is moving towards accepting credit card payments, though there needs to be a practice in place which makes sure that monies generated from credit cards are channeled correctly. WPRC can update the web site that is accessed through the town website. Mr. Mello suggested that Mr. Albert and anyone else interested should meet with Ms. Shattuck. Mr. Juneau and Mr. Ungar will work with Ms. Shattuck to work out pricing options on software. Mr. Butlein wanted to know if any other town departments were looking into taking on-line credit card payments – Mr. Ungar did not think so
- vi) 2010-05 – Mr. Juneau reported that the Board of Finance wants to hold off putting this item on the agenda until after the referendum. The Selectmen have agreed to move \$10,000 from the Enterprise Fund for repair of BSP. Board of Finance will put it on the agenda later in April. Mr. Juneau will advise the WPRC commission when it is on the agenda.
- b) Parks & Recreation Proposed Budget Update; ATBM
  - i) Town Referendum will be held April
- c) Program Sponsorship – Fourth of July.
  - i) Fairfield County Bank will be sponsoring/underwriting the fireworks for a total of \$13,500. Mr. Ungar reminded the commission that the commission agreed not to raise the prices for the 2010 Fourth of July Fireworks since Fairfield County Bank has agreed to sponsor. Rain date for the fireworks will be July 5.
- d) Program Website presence.
  - i) See discussion above at item 4(a) (v).
- e) Other Unfinished Business: None.
- 5) Reports of Standing Committees and Resulting Motions.
  - a) Aquatics Committee (Mr. Mello).
    - i) Mr. Ungar reported that the pool numbers were good. The pool is functioning well.
    - ii) Mr. Ungar stated that the Bisceglie pond will be filled with water sometime in May
  - b) Fields Committee (Messrs. Bernstein and Juneau).
    - i) Mr. Juneau and Mr. Ungar met with the First Selectman and Mr. Clevenger to discuss what to do about Reason. WLL wants

to work with us. Mr. Juneau reported that Mr. Bernstein would like the Board of Ed to put together a fields sub-committee. Mr. Ungar reported that Mr. Clevenger was not sure that \$20,000 was enough to repair the drainage issues at Revson.

- ii) Mr. Ungar has looked into a system from Hydraway, a Ct. installer, who had previously installed curtain drainage systems last year, and has a system to increase drainage performance. Mr. Mello asked what the life expectancy of the Hydraway system would be. Mr. Ungar will get additional information and an estimate from Hydraway.
  - iii) Mr. Butlein suggested that the Commission had a responsibility to research alternative spaces to build a regulation baseball field should Revson become unfixable. The Commission should consider researching alternative field sites.
  - iv) Mr. Juneau will approach the First Selectman and suggest that we are uncomfortable about who owns the process of field repair and help us define what they want us to do.
  - v) The Commission will request that the Dog Warden continue to visit Morehouse Fields to keep dogs out.
- c) Programs Committee (Messrs. Butlein).
- i) The numbers for program participation look good. Mr. Ungar reported that an additional Sports and Fitness instructor had been hired due to the higher number of registrants.
  - d) Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein).
    - i) Mr. Mello asked if anything had been damaged beyond repair due to the severe weather this winter. Mr. Ungar reported that some walkways had been repaired at Morehouse Fields.
    - ii) Mr. Uzenoff asked if the parking spots at Devil's Glen will be retained after the bridge repair. Mr. Ungar will ask the Town Engineer.
- 6) New Business:
- a) Revson Field .See discussion above 5 (b)
  - b) Previously discussed. See discussion above 5(b)
    - i) Mr. Ungar additionally reported that in addition to the \$10,000 from the Enterprise Fund, Weston Little League would contribute \$5,000, but would want removal and replacement of the clay.
- 7) Correspondence: None
- 8) Announcements, Remarks for the Good of the Order.

- a) Mr. Juneau gave the Commission a heads up that the request for naming the playground at Bisceglie Scribner Park would be most likely coming soon.
- 9) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Juneau/Butlein motioned and second. All in favor 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

P.J. Dodge

## OPEN ACTION ITEMS

- 2009-17 Opened on 9/14/09. Mr. Ungar will have a rain sensor installed at MFP in order to regulate the irrigation system. Decision as of October 5, 2009: Deferred until Spring 2010 due to scheduling and needless wear and tear during winter to sensor. This item is now closed
- 2009-22 Opened on 11/9/09. Mr. Mello will pursue the idea of adult fitness with both the United Way and the Weston Commission on Aging.
- 2010-02 Opened on 1/11/10. Mr. Mello will draft a proposed framework for a P&R 10-year capital plan. Mr. Mello presented a first draft Capital Asset Replacement Schedule at the Commission's February 8, 2010 meeting and will provide an expanded draft at a future WPRC meeting.
- 2010-03 Opened on 1/11/10. The Fields Committee will further investigate BSP ballfield repair/maintenance options, including potentially seeking an expert opinion. Mr. Uzenoff will speak to his contact at the Bluefish.
- 2010-04 Opened on 1/11/10. Mr. Albert will work with Mr. Ungar to further investigate the option of automating P&R program registration and upgrading the P&R website. Mr. Albert will meet with Sharon Shattuck to investigate further. Mr. Ungar will price out various computer programs.
- 2010-05 Opened on 2/8/10. Board of Finance wants to wait until after the referendum to discuss this. Mr. Juneau will advise when Board of Finance puts this on their agenda.