

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



Incorporated 1787

Parks & Recreation Commission

**REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES¹
MONDAY APRIL 13, 2009
7:30 P.M.**

**WESTON TOWN HALL
COMMISSION ROOM**

David C. Juneau
Chairman

Committees:
Administrative,
Fields

Carlos Mello
Vice chairman
Committee:
Aquatics

Nancy Babyak
Commissioner
Committee:
Programs

Marc Butlein
Commissioner
Committee:
Programs

Carl Bernstein
Commissioner
Committees:
Fields, Parks

Patrick E. Kane
Commissioner
Committee:
Aquatics

Robert A. Uzenoff
Commissioner
Committee:
Administrative

The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission ("WPRC") held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 13, 2009 in the Daugherty Commission Room in town hall. Commissioners present: Carl Bernstein, Chairman David Juneau, Carlos Mello and Bob Uzenoff. Commissioners absent: Nancy Babyak, Marc Butlein and Pat Kane. Staff present: Weston Parks and Recreation Director David Ungar. Public present: AT&T Mobility representative Tim Burks.

Official actions of the commission are indicated in these minutes by underlining.

- 1) Call to order: A quorum being present, Mr. Juneau called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- 2) Minutes of the March 9, 2009. Minutes of the March 9 meeting were approved unanimously with minor corrections. Mello motion, Uzenoff second.
- 3) Public forum:
 - a) Potential Cell tower at MFP. Tim Burks, representing AT&T mobility, and filling in for David Vivian, presented drawings to the commission, showing a potential site for a cell phone tower at MFP. The proposed tower would be a 150 foot mono-pole with the cell antennas held inside the tower. At the base, AT&T proposed a 12x20 foot structure strictly for their equipment. If other service providers joined, they would also need structures or concrete pads

¹ Approved by the Commission May 11, 2009.

with equipment at the base of the tower. Discussion ensued as to potential benefits and drawbacks to athletic field users and town residents in general. The impact of construction and placement at MFP was also discussed. The commission agreed to walk the MFP site on Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 PM.

4) Unfinished Business

- a) Action item review. Refer to the action items list beginning on page 4 for details.
 - i) 2009-05 Mr. Juneau will submit wording to Mr. Ungar for the human and natural history sign at Morehouse Farm Park
- b) Budget Update. The Parks and Recreation budget went untouched in the Board of Finance public hearing. Annual town budget meeting will be April 21 at 8:00 PM at the high school auditorium.
- c) Turf Field Rental. The Board of Selectmen chose not to act on a proposal to rent the turf field to Beachside Soccer.
- d) Trash at Fields. Director Ungar has reminded sports clubs of their responsibility to pick up trash after using the fields.
- e) Other Unfinished Business. None.

5) Reports of standing committees and resulting motions:

- a) Administrative Committee. See item 4)b) above – budget update.
- b) Aquatics Committee (Messrs. Kane, Mello). Mr. Ungar reported that the middle school is changing the lights above the pool to a more energy efficient system. The pool is open to the public this (vacation) week from 2:00-5:00 PM.
- c) Fields Committee (Messrs. Juneau, Bernstein).
 - i) Fertilizer application today was two days early, so users are adjusting their practice times accordingly. Stecks will be lining BSP and MFP later this week and prepping infields. Irrigation will be turned on next week at MFP, BSP, Revson and the Administration field.
 - ii) Director Ungar is considering closing MFP #1 this fall in order to rest that field.
 - iii) Mr. Ungar, per Mr. Uzenoff's suggestion, will check with Town Administrator Tom Landry to see if Weston will qualify for any federal assistance under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).
- d) Programs Committee (Mrs. Babyak and Mr. Butlein)
 - i) Sports & Fitness – we are running a school vacation program this week (4/13-17) with 12 kids. Good for 'stay-cation' folks.

- ii) T-Ball: 70 registered participants. Starts at the end of April.
 - iii) Expect Basketball report at the May regular WPRC meeting.
 - iv) Other spring programs are running smoothly, per Mr. Ungar.
 - v) Fairfield County Bank still showing interest in sponsoring the July 4 festivities.
- e) Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein)
- i) BSP: No word from Little League regarding proposed flagpole specifications and usage.
 - ii) Weston Parks Project is not yet complete at BSP.
- 6) New Business
- a) AT&T – Tim Burks – see Public Forum above.
 - b) Weston Lacrosse – nobody present from Lacrosse.
- 7) Correspondence
- a) Girl Scout request to use Stadium Field and track: Mr. Ungar is handling a request from the Girl Scouts. They have completed the application and appear to be able to fulfill all the requirements in order to rent this facility. No action necessary from the commission.
- 8) Announcements, remarks for the good of the order
- a) Mr. Bernstein announced he had attended an excellent presentation at the high school, hosted by Weston Lacrosse, in which the Trinity College squash coach gave a great speech.
 - b) Mr. Juneau (and the rest of the WPRC) took the opportunity to praise Commissioner Pat Kane's many years of service to the WPRC.
- 9) The commission adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Juneau

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ACTION ITEMS

2009-06 Opened 3/2009 Mr. Juneau will forward the wording for the MFP history sign to Mr. Ungar.

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