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Parks & Recreation Commission

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY MAY 9, 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  
Commissioner  
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, May 9, 2011 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Carl Bernstein, Marc Butlein, Brian Collins, Jed Ferdinand, David Juneau and Bob Uzenoff. Commissioners absent: None. Staff present: David Ungar. Public present: Mike Evans (Full Court Peace, Weston Basketball Assoc.); Sean Welsh (Weston Basketball Assoc.).

- 1) Call to order: Mr. Albert called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the April 13, 2011 meeting were approved. For: Albert, Bernstein, Juneau and Uzenoff. Against: None. Abstain: Butlein, Collins and Ferdinand.
- 3) Public Forum.
  - a) See Items 4(b) and 6(b) below.
- 4) Unfinished Business
  - a) Review of Action Items Due from April 13, 2011 Meeting.
    - i) There currently are no open Action Items.
    - b) Full Court Peace Fundraiser Proposal (Michael Evans).
      - i) Mr. Evans appeared before the Commission to address follow-up questions from the Commission's consideration at its April

meeting of the Full Court Peace (“FCP”) basketball fundraiser. Mr. Evans stated that the 3-on-3 basketball tournament largely would be staffed by Weston High School boys and girls basketball players and that FCP anticipated 60-80% of the participants would be from Weston. Mr. Evans also stated that 100% of the monies earned would go towards the organization.

- ii) Mr. Evans indicated that as part of the request for P&R sponsorship, FCP was seeking free use of the gym space as well as to be covered for the event under the Town’s insurance policy. Mr. Ungar indicated that the only other costs FCP would be responsible for would be custodial fees and energy use fees, which always get passed along to users. Mr. Butlein suggested that the Commission consider picking up these costs as well. The Commission discussed the issue and concluded that such fees were more appropriately covered by FCP such as to not create a slippery slope.
  - iii) Mr. Uzenoff confirmed with FCP that P&R be listed as a sponsor of the event. Mr. Evans agreed.
  - iv) Mr. Juneau made a motion that P&R sponsor FCP’s 3-on-3 basketball event on June 4, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Bernstein. For: Albert, Bernstein, Butlein, Collins, Ferdinand, Juneau and Uzenoff. Against: None. Motion passes 7-0.
- c) Revson Field Renovation Bid Status.
- i) Mr. Ungar reported that the invitation to bid on the Revson Field renovation project went out last week and thus far three companies had requested specs. Bids are due by 2pm on May 31, 2011, at which time they will be opened publicly at Town Hall. The goal is for the work to be completed between July 11, 2011 and August 12, 2011.
  - ii) There will be a site walk for interested bidders, which Mr. Ungar will coordinate. Members of the Board of Selectmen have expressed an interest in participating in the site walk. Mr. Albert suggested that members of WPRC may also want to participate on the site walk. Mr. Ungar will notify the Commission in advance of the date(s) of the site walk(s).
  - iii) Mr. Uzenoff suggested that the Board of Education (“BOE”) also should be involved since as of July 1, it will have oversight of Revson. In response, Mr. Ungar confirmed that Dan Clarke is part of the process, so BOE’s representatives already are fully involved.
  - iv) Mr. Ungar stated that he has spoken with Dr. Dest as well as Milone & McBroom regarding their potential oversight of the

project. Dr. Dest quoted an estimate of \$5,400. for his involvement in this project.

d) Weston Park Project Final Project Discussion.

i) Mr. Ungar received a proposal for remediation of the Bisceglie-Scribner Park walking trail. Mr. Ungar will be discussing this further with Weston Park Project with the hopes of this work being done soon.

e) Other Unfinished Business.

i) RecTrack: Mr. Ungar reported that he is still waiting on word whether BOE will be participating in the RecTrack software purchase. The plan is still to have on-line P&R program registration up and running for Fall 2011 program sign-ups.

5) Reports of Standing Committees and Resulting Motions.

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

i) Mr. Albert welcomed Mr. Collins and Mr. Ferdinand to the Commission.

b) Aquatics Committee.

i) Mr. Ungar stated that the Bisceglie-Scribner Pond is scheduled to be opened to the public on June 18. The pond is currently drained and the bottom will be re-painted before the public opening.

ii) Mr. Ungar reported that the Middle School Pool has been operating well and that enrollment for aquatics programs at the Pool continues to be exceptional.

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

i) Mr. Ungar reported that pumphouses for the irrigation systems were reinstalled last week and the schedule is for the irrigation lines to be opened on May 12.

ii) Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Juneau both reported that they recently had received calls from members of the Sustainability Committee. Mr. Bernstein was asked about water fountains at the town fields. Mr. Ungar stated that the Health District mandates against water fountains in these locations because of effects from the irrigation systems. Mr. Juneau was asked about placing recycling bins at the fields. Mr. Ungar will work to get recycling bins placed at the fields as appropriate.

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

i) Mr. Ungar reported that summer camp registration was underway and the early results are very positive. The Junior

Eagle and Soaring Eagle camps are filled to capacity with waiting lists. The Sports Camp sign-ups are very good as well.

- e) Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein).
  - i) Mr. Ungar reported that the process is underway for bidding on the landscape and field maintenance contract for the non-school property Town fields and parks. The contract will start on July 1, 2011 and will include three consecutive renewable one-year contracts. Bids will be due in late May or early June. Mr. Juneau suggested that Mr. Ungar get input from user groups, like Weston Little League and Weston Soccer, regarding the specs for the bid form.
- 6) New Business.
  - a) 4<sup>th</sup> of July Sponsorship.
    - i) Mr. Ungar reported that Fairfield County Bank would once again sponsor the Fourth of July fireworks, but only at \$5,000 this year (whereas for the last few years, they underwrote the entire amount of \$13,500 per year).
    - ii) The Commission discussed whether to solicit additional sponsors either from other Town businesses or beyond. The Commission decided not to pursue this, but discussed that a more appropriate way to make up the shortfall would be to slightly raise the admission fee for the Fourth of July event.
    - iii) In past years, adults were charged \$5/person and children (over 2) were charged \$2/person. The Commission discussed raising the admission fee to \$5/person for adults and children.
    - iv) Mr. Juneau made a motion that all attendees (5 years old and up) be charged an admission fee of \$5 each for the 2011 Fourth of July festivities. Motion seconded by Mr. Butlein. For: Albert, Bernstein, Butlein, Collins, Ferdinand, Juneau and Uzenoff. Against: None. Motion passes 7-0.
  - b) Weston Basketball Association Proposal for Outdoor Courts.
    - i) Mr. Welsh and Mr. Evans of Weston Basketball Association (“WBA”) appeared before the Commission seeking assistance with renovating/improving the outdoor basketball courts at the Admin Building on School Road. The WBA board believes that the outdoor courts were used much more frequently 10-12 years ago and use has been declining. The WBA is interested in making the courts a more attractive place to play. They stated that the court surfaces appear to be weather-damaged. They also stated that the backboards are in need of replacement. WBA would fund the full cost of new backboards, but is seeking P&R’s assistance on the court repairs. Mr. Albert

explained that P&R could recommend the acceptance of a gift from WBA of new backboards, but that such request had to be reviewed and decided upon by the Board of Selectmen.

- ii) The Commission discussed with Mr. Welsh and Mr. Evans how the BOE is taking over all on-campus maintenance as of July 1, which would include the outdoor basketball courts. Mr. Ungar further reported that even prior to WBA's request, the plan was to resurface, repaint and repair the courts very soon. Mr. Ungar will provide more details to WBA concerning the specs of the resurfacing.
- iii) Mr. Bernstein moved that WPRC recommend that the Town accept the gift from WBA of new basketball backboards for the outdoor basketball courts at the Admin Building on School Road subject to receipt by the Chairman from WBA of a written project description that is materially similar to that described at tonight's meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Juneau. For: Albert, Bernstein, Butlein, Collins, Ferdinand, Juneau and Uzenoff. Against: None. Motion passes 7-0.
- iv) Mr. Uzenoff suggested that this issue be discussed with the BOE facilities subcommittee before it is raised with the Board of Selectmen. Upon receipt of a satisfactory written project description from WBA, Mr. Albert and/or Mr. Ungar will have such discussions with the BOE.

7) Correspondence.

- i) Mr. Ungar received a call from Denise Massingale-Lamb who was looking to propose summer tennis lessons for kids. Mr. Ungar will have a follow-up discussion with her.

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

- i) Mr. Bernstein announced that Paul Levin once again will be doing the Labor Day Weekend movie night in Town, at no cost to residents, and the movie selection this year is "North by Northwest".

9) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:28 p.m., Juneau/Bernstein motion and second. All in favor 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Albert

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

None