

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



Incorporated 1787

Parks & Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 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:
Aquatics

David Juneau
Commissioner
Committee: Fields

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The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission (WPRC) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert (Chairman), Carl Bernstein, Marc Butlein, Brian Collins, Jed Ferdinand, David Juneau and Bob Uzenoff. Public present: none.

- 1) Call to order: Mr. Albert called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting were approved subject to minor modifications. For: Albert, Bernstein, Butlein, Collins, Ferdinand, Juneau and Uzenoff. Against: None. Motion carried 7-0.
- 3) Public Forum.
 - a) None. No one from public appearing.
- 4) Unfinished Business
 - a) Bisceglie Field # 2: The maintenance company, Fapco, continues to perform renovations at the field. The work is ongoing and Fapco is making progress. The project should be finished soon, weather permitting, and the field will need to be left undisturbed until mid-October. The hope is that the field could be ready for the Little League playoffs in late October.

- 30 b) Revson Field: The progress for the ongoing renovations has been
31 slowed due to all of the rain of the past few weeks. Some work has
32 been accomplished. The drainage work is complete on the JV field.
33 They are hoping to complete work on the JV field by this week and
34 start work on the varsity field. Project management includes Dave
35 Ungar, Dan Clark and John Conte, Town Engineer.
- 36 c) Insurance: The Commission revisited the issue of insurance for
37 sponsored organizations. To date insurance has been provided for
38 Weston Basketball Association, but they will now be asked to
39 obtain their own insurance. The goal is to minimize risk, while still
40 encouraging athletic participation to the greatest extent possible.
41 Mr. Albert reports that a number of organizations have requested
42 gym times. Pick-up organizations pay small fees and are covered
43 under an umbrella insurance policy. All of the other youth sports
44 organizations pay their own insurance. Mr. Collins reports that
45 adult programs don't have access to other means of insurance.
46 Men's leagues are organized and pay fees. Mr. Butlein believes
47 that the determining factor should be the sponsor – if the Town is
48 the sponsor, P&R will cover the insurance. If not, the organization
49 will have to provide its own insurance. Mr. Albert reports that
50 P&R has turf guidelines that require organizations to provide
51 certificates of insurance. The consensus of the Commission is that
52 anyone can use the Town facilities but should sign a release/hold
53 harmless as a means to protect the Town. Organized adult
54 programs need to be sponsored by the Commission and will need to
55 sign a hold harmless waiver. The Commission will look to pass a
56 resolution at the October meeting.
- 57 d) Rec-Trak: The site went live last Thursday and is operable, but
58 there were a series of bugs in the system at the outset. Several links
59 would not open. Payments have been an issue. The public has been
60 understanding while P&R has worked to fix the system. Mr. Ungar
61 expects the problems to be addressed and that the site will be fully
62 operational in the near future.
- 63 e) Aquatics: Mr. Ungar reported on the progress made to address the
64 issues brought the Commission's attention by representatives of
65 Weston Swimming at the Commission's August meeting. On
66 September 7, 2011, there was a meeting with Mr. Ungar, Joanne
67 Keating, Dan Clark and Lynn Stevens to talk about deficiencies.
68 The toilets in the boys' locker room has been repaired. There is a
69 consultant set to come in to consult about the starting blocks. An
70 electrician met with Ryan Lochner and the High School swim
71 coach. An electrician is monitoring the scoreboard and other
72 issues. The exhaust fan has been repaired. The Board of Ed will
73 form a comprehensive plan to address air quality. The Board of Ed
74 will hire company to do a report on systems at the pool area,

- 75 including heat, air quality and chlorine treatment. The Commission
76 has heightened awareness of the issues and will continue to monitor
77 the situation.
- 78 f) ACTION ITEM: Mr. Ungar was asked to create a checklist of all
79 pool area and related problems and to indicate whether each
80 problem has or has not been addressed.
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- 82 5) Report of standing committees and resulting motions:
- 83 a) Administrative Committee: None.
- 84 b) Aquatics Committee: See item 4(e), above.
- 85 c) Fields Committee: See items 4(a) and (b), above.
- 86 (i) Mr. Ungar reported that Morehouse Farm Park is in
87 the best shape in years.
- 88 d) Programs Committee: See item 4(d), above.
- 89 e) Parks Committee:
- 90 (i) Messrs. Albert and Bernstein reported that Bisceglie
91 Walking Trail is in excellent shape.
- 92 6) New Business
- 93 a) Bisceglie Pond Recap: Will be circulated and discussed at the
94 October meeting.
- 95 7) Correspondence: None
- 96 8) Announcements: None
- 97 9) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:05 p.m., Juneau/
98 Bernstein motion and second. All in favor 7-0.
- 99 Respectfully Submitted,
100 Jed Ferdinand, Secretary

