

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



Incorporated 1787

Parks & Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

7:45 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, February 11, 2013 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert (by telephone), Carl Bernstein, Jed Ferdinand, Dave Juneau and Brian Collins. Commissioners absent: Marc Butlein and Robert Uzenoff. Call to order: Chairman Albert called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Public present: Nathan Klatt, President of Weston Little League, and Charlie Ameer.

1) Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the January 14, 2013 regular meeting were approved. For: Albert, Collins, Juneau, Bernstein and Ferdinand. Against: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2) Public Forum.
None.

3) Unfinished Business

a) Review of Action Items: None.

b) Weston Little League Sponsorship: Nathan Klatt, President of Weston Little League (WLL), gave an update on WLL's plan for depicting sponsored banners on the outfield fences of the three ball fields at the Bisceglie little league complex as a means to raise additional revenue for WLL. WLL had come before the Commission on several prior occasions to discuss this plan. The Commission had given its prior approval for this project, subject to

32 the Commission maintaining oversight to ensure that the sponsored
33 banners are suitable for placement at Bisceglie. Mr. Klatt presented
34 the Commission with a written proposal that included artwork
35 showing several mock banners. The Commission inquired about
36 WLL's plan for pricing the sponsored banners. The Commission
37 continued to be favorably inclined with WLL's plan, subject to a
38 continuing desire to have input over sponsors. WLL will work
39 administratively with Dave Ungar on the development and
40 placement of the banners. Mr. Klatt will report to Commissioner
41 Albert on the list of sponsors prior to placing the banners.

42 Motion to Approve WLL's Plan for Placing Sponsored Banners on
43 Outfield Fences at Bisceglie. Juneau motion; Bernstein second.
44 Approved 5-0.

45 c) Turf Replacement: Mr. Ungar gave an update on turf replacement
46 for the school soccer field. He contacted Ridgefield and learned
47 that they spent \$400,000 for their turf replacement. Ridgefield
48 saved \$100,000 by donating its old turf. They used Turf.com, a
49 Georgia company, which eliminated a costly disposal fee. They
50 started on July 4th and the project was completed by the fall. The
51 Commission reviewed the present value of Weston's turf
52 replacement fund and the planned Town contributions over the next
53 few years. The Commission asked Mr. Ungar to get rough
54 estimates for the cost of replacing the soccer field turf.

55 d) Capital and Operating Budgets: Mr. Ungar reported that the Town
56 BOS is asking for an additional \$10,000 from P&R's Enterprise
57 Fund. Last year they took \$20,000. This year they want \$30,000.
58 The money will be used to offset operating expenses.

59 The Town BOS has asked to take the cost of infield replacement
60 and backstop repair at Bisceglie out of the Town budget and to fund
61 them from P&R's Enterprise Fund. The cost will be approximately
62 \$18,500. It still might be possible to recover money from FEMA
63 for the backstop repair.

64 The Town BOS has reduced P&R's outdoor field maintenance
65 employee to a seven-month position. This means P&R staff will
66 have to clean up leaves on Town property in November. Mr.
67 Bernstein objected and will follow up with the Town BOS to
68 address this issue.

69 The Town BOS wants greater transparency in the line item budget
70 for pool technicians. Mr. Ungar will comply with this request.

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- 72 4) Report of standing committees and resulting motions:
73 a) Administrative Committee:
74 i) Mr. Ungar distributed two reports detailing winter program
75 revenues and expenditures to date. P&R expects to show net
76 positive revenue of \$10,000 to \$15,000 from winter programs.
77 Mr. Collins noted a discrepancy in the report dealing with year
78 to date refunds. It was merely a reporting error and Mr. Ungar
79 will correct it in the report.
80 ii) School security is an important issue for the Board of
81 Education. The BOE is satisfied with P&R's security efforts for
82 the weekend programs that use school facilities.
83 b) Aquatics: See Section 3(d), above.
84 c) Fields: See Section 3(b), (c) and (d), above. Mr. Ungar is satisfied
85 with the condition of the fields.
86 d) Parks: Mr. Ungar is satisfied with the condition of the parks.
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88 5) New Business:
89 Mr. Ungar reported on a plan for a new kids mini-triathlon to be held
90 on July 4th. It will be sponsored and run by Tri-fitness, a local triathlon
91 club.
92 6) Correspondence: None.
93 7) Announcements: None.
94 8) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:20 p.m.
95 Bernstein/Juneau motion and second. All in favor 5-0.
96 Respectfully Submitted,
97 Jed Ferdinand, Secretary