

# TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



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Parks & Recreation Commission

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
MONDAY AUGUST 10, 2009  
7:30 P.M.**

**MOREHOUSE FARM PARK  
PAVILION**

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

*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, August, 2009 at the Morehouse Farm Park Pavilion. Commissioners present: Carl Bernstein, Marc Butlein, David Juneau, and Bob Uzenoff. Commissioners absent: Nancy Babyak and Carlos Mello. Staff present: Weston Parks and Recreation Director David Ungar. Public present: None

Call to order: Mr. Juneau called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

- 1) Minutes of the July 13, 2009. Minutes of the July 13, 2009 meeting were approved with corrections. For: Bernstein, Juneau, Uzenoff. Against: None. Abstain: Butlein.
- 2) Public forum: None
- 3) Unfinished Business
  - a) Action item follow-up.
    - i) 2009-09 Mr. Mr. Juneau reported he had spoken with Pat Kane's widow, Carol. She is open to whatever the WPRC would like to do to memorialize Pat in town and appreciated the thought. This item has been completed and is closed. See item 3 c) I below for more discussion on this.

- ii) 2009 -10 Mr. Ungar will ask Rack Gleason if he found any need for lightening protection at the new tower and picnic pavilion near the BSP pond. This item is ongoing
  - iii) 2009-11 Porcelain MFP History sign: Mr. Ungar has ordered the sign and is awaiting a proof from the manufacturer. This item is ongoing.
  - iv) 2009-14 Dr. William Dest contract. Mr. Ungar has engaged noted soil scientist and turf expert Dr. William Dest for the 2009-2010 budget-year. This item has been completed and is closed.
- b) MFP Field #1 Renovation: The field has been renovated and grass is gradually reestablishing itself. Weather has been favorable so far this summer. Planned opening of the field is spring 2010, provided turf is well established. Entrance to field from parking lot is blocked by 'Caution' tape. Signage will go up before the fall 2009 season stating the field is closed.
- c) Other Unfinished Business
- i) Pat Kane memorial. The commission discussed but took no action. There was concern that it might be self-serving for the WPRC to propose dedicating something on town property to one of its own ex-members. Some WPRC members will likely pursue a memorial (such as planting a tree and installing a plaque) to Mr. Kane with their own personal donations.
  - ii) Public Movie Night. Mr. Bernstein mentioned Paul Levin is still seeking donations to help defray the cost of putting on 'The Sting' on Saturday September 5. Two cartoons and a newsreel will also be featured. Mr. Ungar will be out of town that night but will arrange for necessary Fire/Police/EMS.
- 4) Reports of standing committees and resulting motions:
- a) Administrative Committee. No Report
  - b) Aquatics Committee (Mr. Mello). Mr. Ungar reported:
    - i) Middle School Pool closed 8/7 and will remain closed for maintenance until late August. No painting this year.
    - ii) BSP Pond: Attendance is down, presumably due to weather. Feedback has been positive. No closures; water quality has remained good.
  - c) Programs. Mr. Ungar reported:
    - i) Camps: Two more soccer camps will take place in August. The Norwalk Fitness tennis camps have continued on the campus tennis courts. Still 12:00-4:00 on four (of six) courts. No apparent conflicts with resident tennis play.

- d) Fields Committee (Messrs. Juneau, Bernstein).
    - i) Per WPRC action at its July meeting, Nutmeg Lacrosse used Varsity Turf field for two evenings. They will be issuing a check to the Town of Weston at the rate of \$150/hour.
    - ii) Mr. Uzenoff noted the grassed non-playing areas at BSP look bad and believes our contract with Stecks does not differentiate between playing and non-playing surfaces. Mr. Ungar will communicate to Stecks that WPRC expects all grass areas to be maintained according to Dr. William Dest's specifications.
  - e) Parks Committee (Mr. Bernstein). Mr. Uzenoff remarked that the entrance to MFP needs work – weeds and bare patches. Mr. also Uzenoff asked why grass was still being cut along steep embankments on the MFP driveway, when Dr. Dest had recommended letting the grass grow high. Director Ungar indicated he would remedy this and have Stecks cease cutting those grassy embankments.
- 5) New Business - None
  - 6) Correspondence – Positive letter to editor in 7/30 Weston Forum praising Junior Eagle Day Camp.
  - 7) Announcements, remarks for the good of the order.
    - a) Weston Sports Commission. Mark Butlein reported he had attended a recent meeting where Sportsperson of the Year was elected. Also idea came out of said meeting for a President's Club, composed of presidents of Weston sports clubs. They would like Dave Ungar to be a member. Mr. Ungar agreed to serve, provided the group decides to form.
  - 8) The commission adjourned at 8:56 p.m., Butlein/Bernstein motion and second. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Juneau

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ACTION ITEMS

- 2009-09      Opened June 8, 2009. Mr. Juneau will ask Pat Kane's widow, Carol for her thoughts on a suitable memorial for Pat. Completed and closed August 10, 2009.
- 2009-10      Mr. Ungar will ask Building Inspector Rack Gleason (or the proper authority if not Mr. Gleason) about lightening protection needs of the new tower and picnic pavilion near the pond at BSP.
- 2009-11      Mr. Ungar will check on the cost of the approved porcelain-on-metal version of the history sign at MFP. Completed and closed July 13, 2009.
- 2009-12      Mr. Ungar will complete the 2008 annual report. Completed and closed July 13, 2009.
- 2009-13      Mr. Ungar will update and distribute Programs spreadsheet before the July regular meeting. Completed and closed July 13, 2009.
- 2009-14      Mr. Ungar will retain Dr. Dest to perform an examination and report on the playing fields under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Completed and closed August 10, 2009.
- 2009-15      Mr. Ungar will arrange for Fire/Police/EMS for Movie Night on September 5, 2009.

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