

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



Incorporated 1787

Parks & Recreation Commission

MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013

7:45 P.M.

WESTON TOWN HALL

DAUGHERTY COMMISSION ROOM

Eric Albert
Chairman
Committees:
Administrative,
Programs

Brian Collins
Vice Chairman
Committee:

Robert Uzenoff
Commissioner
Committee:
Administrative

Carl Bernstein
Commissioner
Committees:
Fields, Parks

Marc Butlein
Commissioner
Committee:
Programs

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, January 14, 2013 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert, Robert Uzenoff, Dave Juneau, Brian Collins and Marc Butlein Call to order: Chairman Albert called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. Public present: none.

- 1) Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the December 10, 2012 regular meeting were approved with amendments. For: Albert, Collins, Juneau, Butlein and Uzenoff. Against: None. Motion carried 5-0.
- 2) Public Forum.
None.
- 3) Unfinished Business
 - a) Election of officers for 2013. Commissioner Juneau made a motion to elect Eric Albert Chairman and Brian Collins Vice Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Butlein seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0
 - b) Review of Action Items: The Warranty for the soccer field artificial turf was located and as the date of completion was October 10th 2003 it was determined that the 8 year limited warranty period has expired. Dave Ungar will send a copy to Chairman Albert for his review.

- 31 c) Dave reported on the Department Head meeting for the proposed
32 budget with the First Selectwoman, Town Administrator and
33 Finance Director. The Capital item requests for the Backstop
34 Repair at BSP (5,950) and the Renovation of the Morehouse Farm
35 Park softball fields (12,500) were removed from the P&R Capital
36 request and are to be covered by funds from the Enterprise Fund.
37 The amount of funding from the Enterprise Fund used to offset the
38 Administration Operating Budget for this year will also be
39 increased.
- 40 4) Report of standing committees and resulting motions:
- 41 a) Administrative Committee:
- 42 i) Financial Planning and Reporting: Dave Ungar presented an
43 Activity Bottom Line Report for the month of December and
44 for the total of winter programs to date. Dave will look in to
45 comparison data from last year and look for trends.
- 46 ii) There was discussion of potentially charging user fees for some
47 of the Weston Organizations for natural grass field usage
48 similar to what we do for the artificial Turf field's users. The
49 idea was to see if we can self-fund repairs or renovation. Dave
50 U. Will look in to this and report back to the Commission.
- 51 b) Aquatics: Dave reported that the schools are implementing new
52 security measures at the pool and other school facilities. This has
53 resulted in locked doors and new control measures for admittance
54 to the buildings. There has been limited communication with Parks
55 & Recreation Department about these new measures. There will be
56 a meeting with all Town Departments that use the schools for
57 programs and the Board of Education Administrators to discuss the
58 impacts on programs held in the school buildings and get on the
59 same page as far as implementing the new procedures.
- 60 c) Fields:
- 61 i) Discussion of the condition of the artificial turf fields took
62 place. The consensus is that the soccer field turf will have to be
63 replaced in the near future possibly the summer of 2014. The
64 turf is heavily used and is wearing down and the seams are
65 showing. The football field gets considerably less usage due to
66 the fact that it does not have lighting and usage ends at dark.
67 The football field appears to be in good shape with many years
68 of safe play left. Dave will contact Ridgefield and see what the
69 replacement cost of their new turf was and who they used as a
70 vendor. Dave reported that the Town currently has just shy of
71 \$400,000 in the Artificial Turf Replacement Fund which is
72 collected annually from the sports organizations that use the

- 73 artificial turf fields, the Town Capital Budget and the Booster
74 Club for the purpose of eventual turf replacement.
- 75 ii) The discussion continued regarding the damage caused by
76 Hurricane Sandy to two backstops at Bisceglie Scribner Park.
77 The repair estimate was \$5950.00. Dave spoke to Sgt. Ferullo
78 who is in charge of FEMA storm damage reimbursement for the
79 Town and Sgt. Ferullo indicated that the damage was
80 considered a coverable expense to submit to FEMA for storm
81 reimbursement. Dave will keep the Commissioners informed of
82 any progress recovering funds. The damage will be repaired in
83 the spring using Enterprise funds and will be reimbursed to the
84 Enterprise Fund if reimbursement is received from FEMA.
- 85 d) Parks: No report
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- 87 5) New Business:
- 88 Election of officers. See above in unfinished business.
- 89 6) Correspondence: None
- 90 7) Announcements: Chairman Albert Thanked Commissioner Uzenoff for
91 his exceptional service as Vice Chairman.
- 92 8) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:22 p.m. All in favor 5-0.
- 93 Respectfully Submitted,
- 94 David E. Ungar
- 95 Director

