

TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT



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Parks & Recreation Commission

REGULAR MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012

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 13, 2012 at Weston Town Hall. Commissioners present: Eric Albert (Chairman), Bob Uzenoff, Marc Butlein, Carl Bernstein and David Juneau (8:15 p.m.). Commissioners absent: Jed Ferdinand and Brian Collins. Public present: Joe Cina, Rich Hassan, Sonya Stack, Dan Clark.

1) Call to order: Mr. Albert called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. and appointed Mr. Juneau Secretary of the meeting, in Mr. Ferdinand's absence.

2) Approval of Minutes. Minutes of January 9, 2012 meeting were approved with no corrections. For: Albert, Juneau, Butlein and Uzenoff. Against: None. Abstain: Bernstein. Motion carried 4-0.

3) Public Forum.

- a) Little League request for 'Sleeping Under the Stars' at Bisceglie:
Rich Hassan and Joe Cina requested overnight use of BSP to host a sleep-out jamboree in tents in conjunction with their annual picnic, in June, 2012. Camping would be in tents and limited to Little League players and their families. Players would be accompanied by their own parents, and possibly siblings, but no chaperones. Little League would be responsible for clean-up and any damage to fields/facilities. This is intended to be a fundraiser for LL.

32 Motion: Bernstein moved, Butlein seconded the following: I move
33 we allow Little League to host a jamboree picnic and sleep-out at
34 Bisceglie Park in June 2012. Music will end by sundown. Attendees
35 will be limited to Little League members and their families. There
36 will be no cost to the Town of Weston. The motion passed, 5-0,
37 Bernstein, Butlein, Albert, Juneau and Uzenoff.

38 b) Middle School Pool update: Sonya Stack of the Board of
39 Education's Facilities Committee, and Dan Clark of the Weston
40 Schools Administration discussed progress on Middle School
41 punch list and proposed changes to the pool area.

42 i) Ms. Stack and Mr. Clark discussed two hand-outs: Middle
43 School Pool Report (dated 2/13/12) and Maintenance
44 Responsibilities for the Middle School Pool.

45 ii) The BoE has applied for \$30,000 in capital funds to perform a
46 sub-surface drainage study, in order to find a solution to
47 drainage issues and septic odor issues.
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49 iii) The BoE has also applied for \$190,000 in capital funds to make
50 improvements to air handling, air quality, and water treatment.

51 (1) Mr. Ungar visited the New Canaan YMCA recently to learn
52 about their U-V water treatment system. It has reduced their
53 chlorine needs by roughly 65%, and has eliminated eye
54 contamination in swimmers.

55 (2) Mr. Clark indicated he is looking into the possibility of an
56 energy-saving pool cover, and state grant money that would
57 be available to help fund such a project.

58 iv) Weston Swimming's donated starting blocks are scheduled to
59 be installed in March.

60 v) Window and door replacement should occur this summer as part
61 of a larger Middle School window replacement project.

62 (1) Based on the scale of that project, the BoE has
63 recommended closing the Middle School, including the
64 pool, for the entire summer of 2012.

65 4) Unfinished Business

66 a) Review of Action Items: None.

67 b) Middle School Pool Status Report: See item 3(b), above.

68 c) Adult Programs: The commission discussed a hand-out from Mr.
69 Ungar listing potential programs P&R could offer to adults. Mr.
70 Bernstein thinks that adults need workout facilities and equipment.
71 Mr. Butlein would like to see P&R get a sense of the demand for
72 such facilities. Mr. Ungar will check with the Senior Center about

- 73 the demand for workout facilities. Chairman Albert also asked Mr.
74 Ungar to ask P&Z if their town survey revealed a demand for adult
75 work-out facilities.
- 76 d) Financial Reporting Update: Mr. Ungar reported that the new
77 RecTrac software has recorded our income for programs, but that
78 expenses have had to be tracked by manually entering them into a
79 Microsoft Access database. He will check to see how he can access
80 expense-tracking modules for programs within RecTrac. He will
81 work with Rick Darling on this.
- 82 e) Update on 2012-13 Operating and Capital Budget: Mr. Ungar
83 reviewed some changes to the operating budgets, including using
84 \$20,000 from the Enterprise Fund to help cover the cost of
85 administration within Parks and Recreation. Board of Finance
86 meets March 5 to review the Selectmen's budget, including Parks
87 and Recreation.
- 88 5) Report of standing committees and resulting motions:
- 89 a) Administrative Committee:
- 90 i) Mr. Albert thanked Mr. Juneau for taking the minutes of this
91 meeting.
- 92 ii) Mr. Albert reported that there were no P&R questions at the
93 recent Speak Up held by the League of Women Voters. When
94 given a chance to speak at Speak Up, he mentioned that Parks
95 and Recreation was looking into new program offerings for
96 adults.
- 97 b) Aquatics Committee: See 3(b), above.
- 98 c) Fields Committee: Revson Field: Mr. Ungar reported that the
99 contractor assured him the JV field would be ready for play in the
100 spring. Work on the Varsity Field will re-commence in the spring.
- 101 d)
- 102 e) Programs Committee:
- 103 f) Parks Committee:
- 104 i) An Eagle Scout has approached Mr. Ungar about a service
105 project in which he would enhance some aspect of Keene Park.
- 106 ii) Mr. Ungar is awaiting a proposal from a resident who wants to
107 donate a picnic table at Keene Park in memory of a friend.
- 108 6) New Business:
- 109 a) Little League camp-out proposal. See Public Forum above.
- 110 b) Keene Park picnic table proposal:

- 111 c) July 4th: Mr. Ungar reported that, due to both construction at the
112 Middle School, and wetlands remediation work at the back of the
113 Middle School field, it appears the July 4 fireworks will need to be
114 canceled this year. There is no other suitable space in town from
115 which to stage the fireworks and seat the public.
- 116 d) Other:
- 117 i) Mr. Albert mentioned that a new youth football team in town
118 may be looking for field space. It is a group that is separating
119 from the Aspetuck Wildcats.
- 120 ii) Chris Meyers is the new president of Weston Soccer.
- 121 7) Correspondence: None
- 122 8) Announcements: Chairman Albert welcomed those who were able to
123 accompany him to the Selectmen's budget meeting being held in the
124 nearby Selectmen's meeting room.
- 125 9) Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 9:55 p.m., Butlein/
126 Bernstein motion and second. All in favor 5-0.
- 127 Respectfully Submitted,
- 128 David Juneau, Stand-in Secretary

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