

## **Park and Recreation Commission**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**January 9th, 2019**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:34 pm.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** George Caye, Katie Graham, Ritu Goel, Michael Kelly, Mindy Lewis, William Nowak, Renee Powell, Dan Rezende, Toby Lewis.

**Also in Attendance:** Ray Favreau, John Caldwell, and Kerry Macchi

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Toby, and seconded by the commission to approve the December 12th minutes. Passed unanimously.

**Public Input:** Three members of South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways shared that they received \$100,000 in grant money for a cross town trail that will cover 6.2 miles through South Windsor. Two motions were made and passed unanimously for the following:

- Payment of photo copies of the SWW&WW brochure, up to \$230 out of operating budget.
- Approval of funds not to exceed \$1,500 for a bike repair station to be installed at the new Nevers Park restroom facility. Funds are to come from the Capital Projects budget.

**Special Reports:** A motion was made to move the Special Reports section on the agenda. All were in favor. Due to time constraints, this item was not able to be discussed.

**Report of Council Liaison:** Matt Riley was present. The commission discussed Ray's presentation at the Town Council meeting from the night before. The commission used this opportunity to discuss where they saw the need for specific facilities in town (i.e. indoor pool, tennis courts, stadium turf field).

**OSTF:** George reported that the OSTF is looking at a few properties in town, including 1355 Ellington Road, The Wagon Shed Nursery, and Fox Run Nursery.

**Report of the B of E Liaison:** None due to absence of liaison.

**Report of Parks and Rec. Director:** Ray reported on a few things going on within the Parks and Rec Department:

- The new restroom facility at Nevers Park is making excellent progress. The walls and rafters are up and the contractors hope to be finished by the spring.
- The Parks crew is working on repairs at Rye Street and doing an excellent job.
- Ray is coming up with a new plan for the Avery Street Gardens because there are people that are not using the plots they reserve and there is also a waiting list of people looking for plots.
- The Major Michael Donnelly Land Preserve was featured in an article of best public parks in CT.
- Ray is planning on putting the Wapping tennis courts, repairs to Veterans Memorial Park, and the Rye Street basketball courts all on the Capital Projects Committee Budget.

**Discussion Topic:** The commission went over any changes that were previously made to the Park Ordinance revision.

**Other Business:** None due to time constraints

**Master Plan Progress Report:** None due to time constraints

**Meeting adjourned** 9:33pm

**Next Meeting: February 13, 2019**

Respectfully Submitted – Kerry Macchi, Administrative Secretary