

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the Meeting

January 10th, 2018

Meeting called to order: 7:30 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: George Caye, Al Larson, Dan Rezende, Mike Kelly, Mike Saimond, Bill Nowak. Rita Goel, Katie Graham

Also in Attendance: Ray Favreau, John Caldwell, Mike Gonzalez, and Matt Riley

Approval of Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the December minutes. Passed unanimously.

Public Input: None. Al mentioned to the group about an article in the Hartford Courant that describes the sharing of the Wapping School building between the B of E and Park and Rec. With all the night use from outside groups parking will be an issue until the island is removed and the parking lot spaces will almost double. Ray then took the group on a tour of the new facility. They are working on remodeling the cafeteria so it can be rented out by the end of 2018.

Master Plan Mapping: The group looked at one more park in town.

1) Nevers Park: 150 acres

Strengths: Has many amenities in our list. Heavily used for all ages and activities

Still space for more fields (11 Acres)

Bark Park

Near High School and Senior Center

Weaknesses: Overuse. More parking needed

Needs: Potential for a Future Recreation Center.

Phase II of Skate Park installed

Install all-purpose field on the 11 acres in the Northwest section of the park.

Michael Gonzalez would like to see other parks in town mirror Nevers. An example would be to install a Skate Park at VMP or Rye Street Park.

Report of Council Liaison: Mike Kelly asked Matt to talk to the TC about a commitment from them to PARC for a yearly percent of the town budget to fund future projects. He will take this to the Town Council.

OSTF: None

Report of the B of E Liaison: Michael would like us to think of a volunteer to nominate for Policelli service awards. Names can be placed by going to the SW School website and click B of E then select link to the award. Names need to be submitted before March 2nd.

Report of Parks and Rec. Dir.: New Open House for the Rec. Dept. is January 20th, 2018.

Ray would like PARC to consider names for the Fairgrounds because it is not really accessible from Rye Street Park. Mike Kelly suggested South Windsor Fairgrounds.

Stadium Lights: Still no word from B of E. Town may not be in agreement with School administration. Mike Kelly asked that Ray send both letters to members to read and make

comments and if no word from B of E next meeting we should send them to B of E and TC. Al made a motion that was seconded to extend the meeting 10 minutes. Passed. Matt suggested that maybe we can do a lease to purchase the stadium lights. This would allow payments over a period of time instead of all upfront costs.

Ray gave us a copy of the 2006 Citizen Survey the town sent out. SW is looking to send out another survey and Ray would like us to look at the REC section and make any suggestions like maybe Stadium Lights or other park issues.

John said that the pond at Rye Street Park is open for skating.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm

Next Meeting: 7:30pm February 14th, 2018

Respectfully Submitted

George S. Caye