

Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
May 10th, 2017

Meeting called to order: 7:35 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: George Caye, Craig Zimmerman, Al Larson, Dave Romejko, Dan Rezende, Mike Kelly, Bill Nowak and Ritu Goel

Also in Attendance: Ray Favreau, John Caldwell, Nate Main, Matthew Pereira

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

Al wanted to recognize and congratulate Dan Rezende on receiving the Policelli Service Award for all he has done for South Windsor and especially his work in Special Olympics. Congratulations Dan.

Public Input: None

Special Reports: Ray brought up the 1-3-5 plan and showed changes in red. Year 1 was to update annually. This will allow PARC to add newly purchased land parcels (Collins Hill) when they are added as Open Space. Year 3 was to show the 11 acre parcel in Nevers Park to show softball and baseball fields according to the 2001 PARC Master Plan. Year 5 was to show a real picture of a Rec Center. The plan will go to the Town Council when they ask to see it.

Review of Parks:

Lawrence Road Park: There is about 30 acres of usable space. A dock on the east side of the pond was put up by an Eagle Scout. Refer to the Stantec plans that were made for the park in addition to a Disc Golf Course.

Report of Council Liaison: None

OSTF: None

Report of the B of E Liaison: None

Report of Parks and Rec. Director:

- 1) VMP: Concrete is being poured for the Rotary Pav. II. Plans are for opening this 3 season facility to renters at the end of June.
- 2) Nevers Park: Kevins Court project is on schedule. Opening ceremony dedication will be June 16th at 3pm. Kevin Ollie will be in attendance for the ceremony. The Boundless Playground is getting a new addition. A Derek Denfield Memorial Firetruck will be installed in June in time for the 10th anniversary of the Boundless Playground on Saturday June 24th from 2-4 pm.
- 3) Concussion Bill; Ray has been working with Rep Delnicki. He met with the authors of the bill to explain some of the issues towns and cities may have with compliance. They have agreed to hold the bill and are working on rewriting some of the issues.
- 4) Barton Property: The Wapping Fair will be held on the property in September 2017.

- 5) Fund Balance: Ray had \$17,460.43 for the Skate Park and \$10,100 for the Boundless Playground transferred from the Special Revenue Fund to our Master Plan Budget. He would like that money to stay for those projects and not redirected to the general fund by the town. A motion was made and seconded to save these monies for their designated projects. Voted on and passed unanimously. We currently have \$9,662 in our Capital Projects Budget for other initiatives.
- 6) Wapping School: The plan is for the Rec Depart to move into the school by August 30. The school will not be vacant until the end of July. Ray is working with Pat Hankard to help with the move.
- 7) John has had a busy last few weeks with all the events and fields to prepare. The boys and girls had lacrosse tournaments, SWLL had their grand opening day, Paws in the park and the annual Fishing Derby. Kudos to all the park employees for their hard work and dedication. Dave Turkington, Parks Maintainer II is receiving the Rich Beaudreault award for outstanding performance over the past year from the Department of Public Works. He will be recognized at the Town Council meeting on Monday, May 15th.

SWWWW: The group submitted proposal to DEEP for a designated Greenway. The proposal was a Cross Town Trail which will follow the Eversource Lines from Chapel Road to Ellington. The proposal was accepted by DEEP. The recognition ceremony is Friday June 2 2017 in Stamford, CT.

Meeting adjourned 9:25 pm

Next Meeting: 7:30pm June 14th, 2017

Respectfully Submitted

George S. Caye

