

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the Meeting

October 11th, 2017

Meeting called to order: 7:40 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: George Caye, Al Larson, Dan Rezende, Mike Kelly, Renee Powell, Craig Zimmerman

Also in Attendance: Ray Favreau, John Caldwell

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

Public Input: None

Master Plan Mapping: The group looked at four more parks in town.

1) Collins Hill (18 acres)

Strengths

- Prox. to Nevers Park (Parking, Rest Rooms)
- Sledding

Weaknesses

- No Easy access to top of the hill
- No Amenities (Elect., H2O, Storage, Parking ETC)

Enhancements

- Onsite parking and Bathroom
- Rope Tow
- Picnic Tables
- Night Lights
- Warming Hut
- No Agricultural use to allow for summer activities

2) Deming St. Open Space

Strengths: NONE

Weaknesses: Located in a community and not near any other town owned properties

Enhancements: SELL the Property or convert to an open field for recreational use and possible site for a community garden.

3) Avery Gardens

Strengths

- Popular with residents (waiting list)
- Adequate Parking
- Water
- Greenhouse

Weaknesses

- Too Small
- No Storage
- No Electrical
- Esthetics

Enhancements

- Walking Trail/Sidewalks to connect to TE
 - Signage
 - Beautify Area near Avery St.
 - Benches
 - Identify and Build another Community Garden
- 4) Desmond's Pond: This area has limited use and no changes are needed.

Report of Council Liaison: None

OSTF: The group has walked and recommended the purchase of the Kelly Property adjacent to Wapping Park. This would greatly enhance Wapping Park and possibly use this space for a Disc Golf Course.

Report of the B of E Liaison: There is a meeting at the SW Library tonight 10/12 at 6:30 about how to get energy from food waste.

Craig would like PARC to discuss the need for installing lights at the SWHS Stadium Field at one of the next two meetings.

Report of Parks and Rec. Director: Ray stated that the PARC balance is \$45,867.66. The SWWWW would like to install a bike service station at either Rye Street Park or Nevers Park. The cost is approx.. \$2500. A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$2500 for the purchase and installation of one Bike Station. Voted on and passed unanimously. The group would also like to get funds to attend the Bike Walk CT Summit on Nov. 3, 2017. A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$500 from PARC operating budget to send SWWWW members to the Bike Walk CT annual Summit. Voted on and passed unanimously.

Fairgrounds at Rye St. Park: Ray is meeting with the Fair members to discuss the problems and needs for the next years Wapping Fair.

Ellsworth Gym Floor will be resurfaced this fall with permanent Pickle Ball lines placed on the floor.

The Rec Dept. is in Wapping School. There will be an Open House on Saturday November 18th. 2017 from 10-2 pm. Ray asks that all members try and see the new building. There are still many areas that needed to be addressed.

Ray informed members that PARC will meet at the Town Hall for our November and December meetings and he will put in a request to have all future meeting at the Wapping School.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm

Next Meeting: 7:30pm November 8th, 2017

Respectfully Submitted

George S. Caye

