

Park and Recreation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Meeting called to order:** 7:30 pm.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** George Caye, Mike Kelly, Al Larson, Dan Rezende, Katie Graham, Dave Romejko, Bill Nowak, Mike Saimond, Cindy Beaulieu

**Also in Attendance:** Keri Apt, John Caldwell, Craig Zimmerman, Matt Riley, Cricket Group Member

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

**Public Input:** Person from the cricket group asked when the field on the Barton property would be ready to have a cricket match on. John informed him the seeding will be done this fall and he **wants to wait a year before it gets used. The group can get their first game next fall.**

**Special Reports:** Criag Zimmerman met with a group from Kevin's Kourts about building a Special needs Basketball Kourt in South Windsor. It's a 40 X 30 court. He showed an area by My Friend's Place where the Kourt will be built. Cost will be around \$60,000. A motion was made and seconded for PARC to support this project. Voted on and passed unanimously.

**Report of Council Liaison:** Matt Riley. Town Council has approved the construction of a sound barrier fence on the west side of the SWHS Stadium. It will be 520 feet long, 8 feet high and covered with acoustic fabric. Cost will be around \$76,000. The project has not gone out to bid at this time

**OSTF:** The group had Toll Brothers present a plan for an Open Space subdivision on 46 acres between Graham and Nevers behind ST Margaret Mary Church. The plan call for approx. 22 acres of open space with 45 houses. Tim and Steve Wisneski are in talks about deeding 15 acres to the Land Trust behind Steve's house on Ellington Road. This would be a great connection from Lawrence Road Park to Neiderweifer Sanctuary.

**Report of the B of E Liaison:** The Board had their first look at the specs for two new schools for Eli Terry and PRS (Phase 2). The cost is around 76 Mil. The original plan was for a large gym in one of the schools but it has been pushed off until Phase 3.

**Report of Parks and Rec. Director:** Kerry and John spoke about some of the projects in town Deming Gardens is going back to P&Z for some possible changes. Neighbor would like it moved back more from the road so he can mow and take care of the front area of the property

Lawrence road park has had about 5 acres cleared and will be seeded for passive use nad possibly some disc golf baskets.

Priest Prop: Swann group met and is getting a proposal ready to present to Town Council to clear more area around the house.

Rye Street: Parks has expanded the mountain bike trail. New signs are being made and they are going to put the trail on the My Towns Trail System. John has gotten the ok from

Inland/Wetlands Comm. To dredge the pond in the park and install a water fountain to eliminate stagnant water that breeds mosquitos.

Parks Dept. is replacing all the fabric around the Wapping Tennis Courts.

**VMP: Rotary Pavilion II** is moving forward. Pool stayed open until Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>. Kelly Walker, an intern from ECSU organized Verteran's Apreciation Day at VMP and had over 50 families attend.

Summer Camp staff held fundraisers for Danny Bullock who need a special lift van and collected \$3000 this summer.

This was the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> year for the Monday Night Social Club Rotary Picnic which had over 200 people attend the event.

**Discussion Topics:** Nevers Park; Matt Galligan, SW Town Manager has made a request to PARC. A federal act called the Neighborhood Assistance Act allows local contractors to get a tax break to help in town projects. A group of businessmen in town would like to develop the 11 acres in Nevers Park that was originally going to have turf fields installed. They would build a 60 space gravel parking lot in between two level open space fields. The fields would be open space area with no field delineation for any sports. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Dan to support this project. Voted on and passed unanimously. Al will get a letter drafted and signed to Keri to give to the Town Mananger.

**SWWWW:** None

Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm

**Next Meeting:** 7:30pm October 12, 2016

Respectfully Submitted

George S. Caye

