

Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
October 10th, 2018

Meeting called to order: 7:32 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: Katie Graham, Ritu Goel, Michael Kelly, Al Larson, Mindy Lewis, William Nowak, Renee Powell, Toby Lewis, Jeff Trachtenberg, Michael LeBlanc

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

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

Public Input: Andrew Paterna, from the South Windsor Food Alliance and Town Council. Andy is seeking the commission's approval of the proposal he is making to the State Bond Commission. This proposal includes three phases: 1. \$700,000 to upgrade the Priest Farmhouse. 2. \$100,000 for the Wood Memorial Library parking lot. 3. \$100,000 to develop Linear Park. Motion was made to support the proposal, all were in favor.

Special Reports:

Master Plan Progress Report: The majority of the rest of the meeting was dedicated to a master plan revision. Drafts of Section III: Methodology, Industry Trends and Challenges: Introduction and Section I were presented and discussed. Start discussions at Industry Trends and Challenges, Section II at November meeting.

Report of Council Liaison: Councilor Riley reported that a lot of their time is currently being dedicated to finding the replacement for the Town Manager.

OSTF: John Caldwell reported the OSTF is interested in the Gedrim Property. The owners reported that it will go to the highest bidder.

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

Report of Parks and Rec. Director:

- Ray presented a letter that was drafted to the Mayor regarding the renaming of land, specifically Porter's Hill. It was unanimously approved to be sent.
- Ray showed the committee the beautiful works of art that have been painted on the wooden boards to be hung on the Priest Farmhouse.
- Veterans Memorial Park is closed for the season. They have received several quotes for resurfacing of the pool floor, since it is 17 years old and has started crumbling. He plans to submit it to the Capital Projects Committee when the quotes are all in. They will also need a new pool cover for the main pool in the very near future.
- Wapping Banquet Hall- Ray is waiting for word back from the structural engineers regarding the weight bearing capacity of the roof for the air conditioning units.
- John shared with the committee the issue of the tennis courts on Margaret Drive, which he would like to have demolished and the Wapping tennis courts that need reconstruction.
- Walk and Wheel Ways will be applying for a grant for a cross town trail. The plan is slated for \$300,000.

Discussion Topic: No other points of discussion were brought forward.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.

Next Meeting: 7:30pm November 14, 2018

Respectfully Submitted – Kerry Macchi, Administrative Secretary