

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the Meeting

November 14th, 2018

Meeting called to order: 7:36 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: George Caye, Michael Kelly, Al Larson, Mindy Lewis, William Nowak, Dan Rezende, Toby Lewis, Michael LeBlanc

Also in Attendance: Ray Favreau and Kerry Macchi

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Toby, and seconded by Michael to approve the October 10th minutes. Passed unanimously.

Public Input: Matt Davis, a resident of South Windsor proposed the idea of developing the Avery Heights “Neighborhood Park” to the committee. This is a town owned property that he would like to develop for use as recreation space. Ray proposed that the committee make it an item for discussion on the next agenda and then the committee can assess if it is something that can be added to the Master Plan. Toby made a motion to table the discussion, add it to the next agenda, and assess the property. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Reports: Update: the committee received a letter from the Town Manager in response to the letter that was sent regarding the naming of property. Ray suggested that in the future, the Parks and Recreation Committee utilize the Town Council liaison in order to remind the council on specific topics.

Report of Council Liaison: Ray reported on behalf of the Town Council due to absence of liaison. He shared with the committee that both referendums passed in this fall’s election.

OSTF: George reported that the town decided to pass on the Main Street property as well as the Gedrim property. The topic of the bridle path at Major Donnelly Preserve was briefly discussed and the OSTF thinks it would be a good addition to the space as long as it was different than the walking path.

Report of the B of E Liaison: None due to absence of liaison. Ray shared that he was working on a project for athletic fields that he is proposing to the Board of Education on November 27th.

Report of Parks and Rec. Director:

- Ray reported that the construction on the restroom facility at Nevers Park has begun. He is working on receiving a few more quotes for the stainless fixtures.
- Ray briefly went over again the repairs needed for Veterans Memorial Park. The pool need to have the plaster repaired or replaced. This project is projecting to cost \$4-5 million. One way to cut the cost on this project is to rip out the kiddie pool and transform it into a splash pad. This would impact swim lessons a bit, but also cut down on lifeguards for that area.
- The renovations on the Wapping Banquet Hall have begun! We also have some major infrastructure maintenance issues at the Wapping Tennis Courts. They have been band-aid fixed year after year, but they need to be upgraded to post-tension concrete, and the fence and lights need to be updated as well. Ray will be submitting this to the Capital Projects Committee in the coming weeks.

Discussion Topic: Ray is working on the Capital Improvement Plan Budget:

1. VMP Renovations
2. Main pool cover
3. Wapping Tennis Courts
4. Cross Town Trail
5. Rye Street Tennis Courts

Other Business: South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways: motion to approve the reimbursement for their annual dinner. Passed unanimously.

Master Plan Progress Report: The rest of the meeting was dedicated to a master plan revision. Finished Section II: Industry Challenges. This concluded the revision

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Next Meeting: 7:30pm December 12, 2018 Respectfully Submitted – Kerry Macchi, Administrative Secretary