

PARK COMMISSION  
MAY 11, 2009

The regular monthly meeting was held at 7:30 pm. At Town Hgall with the following in attendance:

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)  
Joseph DeSabia

Kevin Bellows

Also,  
Dmitri Paris, Park Superintendent  
Mary Markham, Recreation Director

Guests:

Ken Martin, 1676 Huntington Tpke, Historical Society  
Scout Shervin Etemad, 23 Applegate Lane, Troop 67  
Jeff Blueweiss, 63 Coventry Lane, Little League President

As there was not a quorum present, Chairman indicated all actions would be by consensus vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**CONSENSUS** to hear comments by Ken Martin, Trumbull Historical Society, who attended on behalf of Eagle Scout candidate Shervin Etemad:

Mr. Martin introduced Scout Etemad indicating that his intent was to complete several small projects at the Abraham Nichols Park/Historical Society property, culminating into one landscape project which the Historical Society was endorsing.

Scout Shervin Etemad, Troop 67 explained his intent to install a bench on a grassed area near the handicap parking area, utilizing two of the cement supports currently in a storage pile at the park, he will accomplish the removal of two stumps by donation from a local stump removal company at that location, clean ivy back from fenced area and create a garden of day lilies to be donated by the Beautification Commission. As well as clear dead brush around the current wetland area. He discussed replacing a small fence between two walls in the front of the property which is currently in disrepair with a restored iron section also found on the grounds. Project needs to be submitted to his Boy Scout Council the first week of June. He want to complete the project during the month of June.

Chairman indicated that his is a worthwhile project which continues to spruce-up the property around the Historical Society Building; however, the Park Commission will require he meet with the Superintendent to review the several aspects of the project prior to his beginning. Scout Etemad will contact the Superintendent and meet at the site to determine the extent of planned work.

Scout Etemad commented that he worked with his troop this past weekend to assist with the completion of Scout Zak Voytek's project to cut and clear brush and open up the historic tannery path at the back of the park property.

Mr. Martin commented that the Historical Society would like to sponsor a summer day camp at the Historical Society Building and utilizing the upper level caretaker's shed and lavatory the second and third weeks of June with 10/15 youngsters in each group as an extension of the Historical Society Programs for youngsters ages 9 to 12, grades 1 through 5. They have an artist, teacher available who will conduct the program.

Chairman suggested he submit a written description and fee schedule for the planned program for Park Commission approval.

Jeff Blueweiss, 63 Coventry Lane, Trumbull Little League:

He attended to bring Commission up-to-date on their completed and upcoming program and projects.

- He was pleased to report that their financial condition is in the "black" with all bills being paid within 30 days of arrival. They are in good financial standing.
- They have made improvements to their program in town. They have hired a landscaper who is accomplishing their field maintenance, with all insurance certificates required with Little League and Town as additional insureds with Hold Harmless agreements. They have a "point" person who is working with our Superintendent. Their concessionaire has also submitted required insurance and workers compensation certificates holding the Little League and Town as additional insured w/hold harmless. The concession meets all health and fire codes. The concessionaire has added a Golf Cart to move supplies from one building to the other. The League has added two new pieces of equipment, a John Deere scarifier (\$10,000) and trailer (\$2,000) which are insurance covered in the same manner.
- They have contracted for trash pick-up and fields are clean and litter free. No games start until fields are in order.
- (Superintendent commented that even after a weekend, the litter is light to minimal and expressed our appreciation.)
- They have added Bean Clay to Unity #1 and #3 which is working out real well, so heavy it doesn't move into the grass.
- They have partnered with Trumbull High School to utilize youth seeking community-service projects required for graduation.
- They have similarly utilized players from Quinnipiac College to train coaches.
- They will soon be painting the trim on the dug outs.

- Little League's World Championship 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is to be celebrated on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Unity #3/#4 building has some trim to be replaced around windows and inside ceiling is in need of repair from a roof leak.
- There has been discussion about improvements to Unity #2 to be able to get more play on that field. This would be a skinned field which would accommodate girls softball program as well as Little League. (Recreation Director said there is a definite need as the girls softball program now stops at age 12. There is no field for older girls.) They will develop some thoughts about expansion of play time and bring this back to us in the off-season months, late fall or winter.
- Their plan is to get the kids on the fields playing as much as possible.
- They are also moving forward with their safety program, bringing a defibrillator to the complex and train their coaches. Also epi-pens for allergic conditions which may arise.
- And, they would like to create a shelter from lightning which could be utilized as a dual purpose building; shelter/batting cage....concrete base, netting with solid roof, lightning rods. He will submit plans with height, width and materials for consideration.
- They are about to repair the existing batting cage, meeting with a fencing contractor. In conjunction with this project, they would like to build a pitchers practice mound and home plate in front of batting cage with a 10 foot berm to shield passer-bys.
- The League is now ready to revive their original plan to create a terrace with bricks from a fundraiser program. Could be installed in this same general They will meet with the Superintendent to lay-out base plan.

Chairman complimented the League on their accomplishments, an outstanding job of field maintenance, trash pick-up and general management of the League. Mr. Blueweiss commented that he is always available to answer any questions we might have.

**CONSENSUS** to return to the order of the Agenda.

**CONSENSUS** to approve the minutes of the April meeting as distributed.

**CONSENSUS** to accept correspondence.

Fallen Heroes Event:

Superintendent and Chairman working out details on tents to accommodate their guests with pop-up tents for vendors rather than all under two large tents because of our irrigation system.

Board of Education Field Maintenance Bid specs are out.

We will check with the Town Attorney as to a standardized insurances certificate, including hold harmless agreement, for all users as well as their sub-contractors. Recreation Director does currently get certificates of insurance from each league but they are not uniform.

Superintendent's Report:

Currently down three people in the department, keeping us a little behind schedule. Island Brook turf coming along well. Backstops in process of being installed. Beach Pool Sprinkler Park piping overhaul completed. Coordinating a "pour" this week.

Finished Town Hall landscaping.

Put up signs and chains on the Bill Property.

Suggests we have considered extending Park Ordinances to Open Space Parcels.

Recreation Director:

Commented on Sticker distribution system. Her department accommodates residents who can't get in to their office during regular business hours by allowing them to fax or mail a copy of their registration and then mail out the sticker. When they tried extended hours, no one came in, so additional hours were deemed unnecessary.

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**CONSENSUS** to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe,  
Clerical Adm. Asst.

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