

**PARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Park Commission was held at Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Robert Ferrigno (Presiding)
Kevin Bellows
Vincent Lipinski

Diane Mayo
Joseph DeSabia

Also:
Park Superintendent Dmitri Paris

Guests:
Jeff Topolski, 79 Stonehouse Road, TRACK
George Lemoine, 15 Irving Road, TRACK
Wally Thomas, 3 Wheeler Road, Monroe, TRACK
Jim Blose, 110 Old Tree Farm Lane, Trumbull Titans
Phil Becchetti, 40 Essex Lane, Trumbull Titans

Public Comments:

Jeff Topolski, Trumbull Racing and Cycling Kids:

Jeff said that he will be phasing out his activity with TRACK and introduced Wally Thomas as its President. He said that two major racing organizations have now affiliated, the National Bicycle League and the American Bicycle Association, under a new name USA BMX. They have offered Trumbull their New England Nationals on the weekend of September 14, 15, & 16, 2012. They come to the Park Commission for approval to accept this invitation because they are aware that the past several Annual Town Concerts were scheduled in September. They noted that they are very proud that our Trumbull Track is second in the nation for racing activities. They are expecting this to be a large event, 400/500 racers with families. They are very tidy, they bring campers into their grounds at Indian Ledge Park, RV's park on hard areas, arrangements are made with the Trumbull Marriott and these guests use our local restaurants. They have two EMTs and Rangers (paid by TRACK) on site throughout the weekend. They pick up trash daily. They provide Porta Johns. Lavatories are kept open throughout the weekend.

Their tentative schedule is:

Friday: Practice at noon, Evening Races from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: All day from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and beginning again at 4:00/5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to early afternoon.

Superintendent said that the TRACK Nationals have been well organized in the past, and we would want Jeff Topolski to continue to be involved in this event as part of the whole process so there is coordination as in the past.

Jim Blose and Phil Becchetti, Trumbull Titans:

Coming in early with their request for spring scheduling for practice only. Their games are played out-of-town. They have combined players and have only one team this year. They asked consideration for North Madison Avenue, Long Hill Administration or Spring Hill fields. (Spring Hill currently not in play.) They provided a copy of their Certificate of Incorporation, Roster of Players and Insurance Certificate.

Superintendent explained that scheduling takes place once all requests are in. We are currently attempting to purchase a computer program to facilitate scheduling of the many users we have. He said once a program is in place, we should have enough fields to include practices as we have found that in the past, *teams are scheduled for play but do not play, for one reason or another*, leaving a field without players when it could have been scheduled. He is anticipating new computer scheduling will alleviate this problem.

Mr. Becchetti is familiar with scheduling computer programs and will provide the Superintendent with information on scheduling programs he has worked with in the past.

MOTION by Dr. Bellows, second by Mrs. Mayo, unanimously passed to close meeting to guests.

MOTION by Mrs. Mayo, second by Dr. Bellows, unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the October 17, 2011 meeting.

MOTION by Mr. DeSabia, second by Mr. Lipinski, unanimously passed to approve request by Trumbull Racing and Cycling Kids request to host the USA BMX New England Nationals on the weekend of September 14, 15, & 16, 2012 at their track at Indian Ledge Park, with appropriate insurance certificate, EMS and Rangers presence throughout the weekend, provision of porta-johns, clean-up of facilities and with direction from the Park Superintendent and Chief Park Ranger.

Old Business:

Cemetery Project:

Superintendent met with and provided Erica Huston with information on Riverside and Unity West Farm cemeteries. She is to transfer that data into an electronic format.

New Business:

Commissioner Lipinski noted that the recent Pumpkin Run conducted at Trumbull High School and surrounding area was not brought to the Park Commission as a request for use of facilities. This event has been conducted at the school site for many years and the promoters may not have known that the new Facilities Use Policy requires approval from the Park Commission when using school and park grounds. We will alert the School Plant Administration of the need for advance approval by the Park Commission for use of grounds for anything other than scholastic programs.

Superintendent's Report:

- Very active with the Towns pickup from the early winter snow storm damage.
- Leaf pick-up soon to follow.
- Department is behind with winter preparations as the result of recent snowstorm. At some point as the weather gets colder, the need will be to break away from brush and leaf pick-up to complete winterizing facilities and irrigation systems.

- Old Mine Park River-Edge Buffer Grant period is running out. Grading must be done by the end of this year. It is anticipated about 16/14 hours straight-blade machine work to move soil and grade the river bank. Planting will be done in the spring. (Chairman will contact the Director of Public Works to favorably consider accomplishing this required machine work this fall to meet the funding requirement.)
- Barn at Abraham Nichols Park getting second coat of paint this week.
- Preparing foundation for the historic barn to be moved from White Plains Road to Abraham Nichols Park.
- Caretaker shed has been re-roofed.
- Budget:
We will have a significant increase in our pools supplies (803) account. We had three price increases this past season for sodium-hypo chloride. The canopies are now ten years old and showing signs of disrepair. Diving board at Tashua Pool was removed because of break this past season and needs to be replaced.

Projects Review Sheet:

- Mrs. Mayo distributed a final revision of the Projects Review Sheet.
- Superintendent reported that Eagle Project to be accomplished at the Rail Trail Parking Lot at the Old Town Hall has not as yet begun.
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MOTION to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. by Mr. DeSabia, second by Dr. Bellows, and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe
Clerical Adm. Assistant

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