

The Shelton Parks and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2006 at 7:30 in the Shelton Community Center, 54 Church Street, Shelton.

Members present: Chairman John Papa
Comm. Gary Cahill
Comm. Dee Carey
Comm. Joseph DeFillippo
Comm. Paul Gabor
Comm. Michelle Pagliaro Haywood
Comm. Stanley Kudej
Comm. Harry LaBonda
Comm. Carey Moran
Comm. David Zamba
Comm. Robert Zuraw

Staff present: Ronald Herrick, Parks & Recreation Director
Dean Cawthra, Parks Superintendent

Absent: John Browne, Jr.

Tape (1) on file in the Town/Clerk's Office. Attachments are not available on the website.

ACCEPTANCE OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

On a motion made by David Zamba seconded by Michelle Pagliaro Haywood it was unanimously voted to approve the November minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ronald Herrick read letters from Sandra Nesteriak about the City website, from Marilyn Gannon about the Holiday decoration and Staff who helped with that, from a member of the Women's Club concerning the craft fair on the Green, from Ronald Herrick to Chuck Kniffen concerning the Freedom Shrine exposition here, from the Trails Committee concerning the paths and greenways including the Boardwalk on Lane Street, from Richard Belden to Aldermen Papa concerning a resident at Pine Street, and a letter from the Gaetano's concerning the Thanksgiving Road Race and monies raised.

STAFF REPORTS: **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

I started to work on the budget, stated Ronald Herrick. The cleaning service at the Community Center is an improvement. The issue we had was that the rooms were not being cleaned but it is better than it has been.

The rentals at the old school have picked up including soccer, baseball, St. Joe's High School and lacrosse. We charge \$50 an hour and there is another group looking to shoot a movie that includes ESPN.

AQUATIC DIRECTOR:

A report was submitted. (Anne Marie Boehlert was not present)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

Chairman Papa questioned the stairs at East Village Park that they were concerned about during the most recent walk through. He questioned Dean Cawthra how much something like that could cost? We also talked about the stone down at the boat ramp and he questioned Dean Cawthra on the cost of that? Those projects could be paid for with LOCIP funds.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR

Chairman Papa questioned the skateboard park and what we would do for next year? It is not definite rather the Y will come back stated Ronald Herrick. Derby gave money to the Y at the end of the season as we did. The Y's concerns are insurance and staff scheduling, he added. What would happen if the Y didn't participate, questioned Chairman Papa? We would then be responsible to Staff it and pay for that, stated Ronald Herrick.

On a motion made by Joseph DeFillippo seconded by Robert Zuraw it was unanimously voted to accept all Staff Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Ronald Herrick stated that there were no large bills.

GAZEBO:

David Zamba stated that we might change the fireworks date. The 3rd is a Tuesday stated David Zamba and a lot of people have the 4th off. The original date is the 3rd with the 5th for a rain date stated Chairman Papa. Derby will go with whatever we do, stated David Zamba.

FIELD MAINTENANCE

We put a little addition on at Sunnyside, it is 35 by 24, stated Stanley Kudej.

CONSERVATION COMM:

Chairman Papa asked David Zamba but he answered he is not on that Commission. David Zamba reported about a property downtown (the Primrose Property) that the developer has asked for a zone change on. Most of the Boards gave some ideas for that project and the developer would take those under consideration. There will be an independent traffic study done, he added.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT:

Chairman Papa stated that we are working on the budget and if there is any areas that you want to pursue or projects we want to do long range bring them up. There were a lot of things that we have done and Ronald Herrick will bring us up to date at the January meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Papa stated that we would be working on the budget.

He extended the invitation to the members for his holiday party on January 14th at his home.

He extended his condolences to David Zamba on the loss of his father and stated that there is a collection for a donation to be made in his father's name.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On a motion made by Gary Cahill seconded by Robert Zuraw it was unanimously voted to nominate David Zamba as Vice-Chairman.

On a motion made by Gary Cahill and seconded by David Zamba it was unanimously voted to nominate John Papa as Chairman.

In December of 2007 it will be 30 years for me on the Parks and Rec. Commission, stated Chairman Papa.

Robert Wilkins, from Milford, addressed the Commission. He stated for those of you who don't know me, I am a member of the Trails Committee and along with the Conservation Comm. built a project on Lane Street. It is a boardwalk, 110 feet through the Wetlands. There was a grant that we used to do that. Two contractors wanted \$250.00 a foot that would be \$25,000. With volunteers we built and it was just finished Saturday. You go past the cemetery and there are signs. It came out very good.

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by David Zamba it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diana Barry Clerk