

The Shelton Parks & Recreation Commission held a Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in the Shelton Community Center, Church Street, Shelton, CT.

The following members were present: Chairman John Papa  
Comm. Gary Cahill  
Comm. Joseph DeFilippo  
Comm. Paul Gabor  
Comm. Harry LaBonda  
Comm. Carey Moran  
Comm. Michelle Pagliaro Heywood  
Comm. David Zamba

Staff present:  
Ronald Herrick, Director  
Ann Marie Boehlert, Aquatic Director  
Dean Cawthra, Superintendent

Members absent:  
Comm. John Browne  
Comm. Stanley Kudej  
Comm. Robert Zuraw

Chairman Papa opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance being said by all. I just want everyone to welcome the new Commission member, Dee Carey, she is taking the place of Mary Cleveland. Welcome, stated Chairman Papa.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

There was no one for the Public Portion.

### **NOVEMBER MINUTES**

On a motion made by Gary Cahill seconded by Joseph DeFilippo it was unanimously voted to approve the November minutes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ronald Herrick read a letter from Chairman Papa to Joseph Sewack concerning showers at the Community Center, a plumber looked at it today and he didn't think he could do it. Ronald Herrick read a letter to Chief Robert Voccola regarding closing the parks for the winter, read a Memo from Sandy Nesteriak regarding requests from Elected Officials, read a letter to Apportionment & Taxation with regard to Account 80.08, read a letter to William Banfe regarding the Ripton School Gym usage, read a letter to Joe Ballaro with regard to the repairs to the roof at the Community Center, he received a letter from Corporation Counsel with regard to Parliamentary Procedures, and a letter from the Sunnyside Principal with regard to planting 5 trees.

On a motion made by David Zamba seconded by Paul Gabor it was unanimously voted to accept the letter from the Principal of Sunnyside School with regard to planting 5 trees on the school grounds. These trees will be funded and planted by the Garden Club and the PTA.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **DIRECTOR**

Ronald Herrick stated that you should have December and January's report. We still have tickets for UCONN left, we will have tickets for a Broadway Show and the Big East.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

We have December's report, stated Chairman Papa.

**AQUATIC DIRECTOR**

Chairman Papa questioned if the pool had to be closed at any time due to the lack of lifeguard coverage? No, answered Ann Marie Boehlert. One lifeguard had graduated in December, she added.

Ronald Herrick stated we did receive information for the boat ramp at Sunnyside. I have some rough measurements. We want this to go 40 feet into the water. The first cost we got was \$8,300.00. It is LOCIP illegible. This is something that we need, stated Chairman Papa. Comm. Zamba questioned if the State would have to approve this?

On a motion made by David Zamba seconded by Gary Cahill it was unanimously voted to accept all Staff Reports.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

There were not many bills, stated Paul Gabor.

**GAZEBO**

Carey Moran questioned when to have the fireworks? Sunday is the second, Monday is the third and the Holiday is Tuesday. Let's do it the third stated Comm. Zamba. Lets do Sunday, Monday with rain date on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Lets do it on the third, stated Chairman Papa. So Sunday, Monday stated Carey Moran. I have booked 5 bands. The schedule will be June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup> we will skip, so we have Sunday that week, then 7 others for 8 regulars. Is that the same that we had last year? We had ten the year before but we cut one out, she added. When is the last one, questioned Chairman Papa? August 21<sup>st</sup>, which is the week before we start school, stated Carey Moran.

**AD**

There was no report filed. That normally starts in March, stated Chairman Papa.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE**

Comm. Kudej was absent so that there was no report filed.

**OPEN SPACE**

Comm. Zamba stated that the Open Space meeting got cancelled so that the Open Space Comm. could attend the Plan Update Advisory Committee opening meeting.

On a motion made by Joseph DeFilippo seconded by David Zamba it was unanimously voted to accept all Committee Reports.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Papa stated that Ron had talked about the showers already. I do know some plumbers and I will ask if this is feasible.

We talked about the docks and the roof repairs already.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REQUEST FROM THE CITY TO SELL PROPERTY ON RIVER ROAD, RIGHT NEXT TO SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL**

Chairman Papa stated that when there is property to be sold or bought the Boards and Commissions receive letters to see if the property has any value to them. A lot of the times what happens is that when the property owner received additional property then they build additional structures, stated Comm. Zamba. They ask us in their letter if the property has any recreational value to us, stated Ronald Herrick.

On a motion made by David Zamba seconded by Paul Gabor it was unanimously voted that the parcel on the River Road has no recreational value and the City may sell it. This should be referred back to the Open Space Committee and Conservation. There should be a stipulation that the owner should not build anything on that.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

On a motion made by Carey Moran seconded by Joseph DeFilippo it was unanimously voted to elect David Zamba as Vice-Chairman.

**BUDGET REVIEW**

Ronald Herrick went over the 59 page Budget that is available in the Parks & Recreation Office.

**End of Side 1A of 1B, Tape 1 of 1 at 8:20 P.M.**

There were discussions on payroll funding. Ronald Herrick stated that the raises are contractual. Chairman Papa questioned if we ever filled the Utility Worker position? Al Curtiss retired last year, answered Ronald Herrick. We did pick up two Park Maintainers last year.

On a motion made by David Zamba seconded by Paul Gabor it was unanimously voted to approve the 2006-2007 Budget at \$1,328,045.00.

On a motion made by Joseph DeFilippo seconded by Carey Moran it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diana Barry,  
Clerk

Tape (1) is on file in the City/Town Clerk's Office and correspondences are available in the Parks & Rec. Office.