

The Shelton Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Shelton Community Center 54 Hill Street Shelton Ct 06484.

Commission Members: John Papa, Chairman
 Diana Barry
 Gary Cahill (absent)
 Dee Carey (absent)
 Joseph DeFilippo
 Paul Gabor
 Stanley Kudej
 Harry Labonda
 Carey Moran
 Michelle Pagliaro Haywood (excused)
 David Zamba (excused)
 Robert Zuraw (excused)

Staff Members: Ronald Herrick, Director of Parks & Recreation
 Ann Marie Boehlert, Aquatic Director
 Dean Cawthra, Parks Superintendent (absent)
 Jim Mastrony, Recreation Supervisor

Chairman Papa opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Rick Belden spoke regarding the Lip Sync Contest. Carey Moran and Diana Barry will be working along with him on the Lip Sync. Flyers will be distributed through out the schools, teen center, Boys & Girls Club etc. The date is scheduled for June 25th. Judges are needed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Paul Gabor to accept the amended January minutes, seconded by Stanley Kudej, all were in favor. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Herrick read a letter from himself to Mr. Kudej concerning the break away bases on the Little League Fields. Mr. Herrick stated he has no problem with these on areas that are exclusively used by Little League, but he does have concerns on the areas that are used by other groups which use different base distances.

Mr. Herrick read a letter from Echo House Ambulance concerning swim memberships.

A letter was read from Mr. Baerman regarding his bill for the pool roof.

A letter was read from Ms. McEwan to Ann Marie Boehlert regarding a pool membership and the closure due to no chlorine. Ms. Boehlert responded back to Ms. McEwan stating that this was due to a mechanical breakdown and since has been rectified. Mr. Herrick reported on a trip to Baltimore on August 23rd and August 24th. If anyone is interested let Mr. Papa know.

STAFF REPORTS:

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Herrick reported on the financial report and the overtime reimbursement from the Board of Education. The budget has been changed. The indoor programming is coming to an end. The tournaments will be starting shortly. The John Deer Company is going to the Riverview Park on March 27th to do some work on renovating an infield. The pool roof has been completed; the flat section of the pool roof needs to be done. It will be done at the end of March. The Mayor asked for prices on a pool cover. A discussion took place regarding the pool cover, the prices, and the replacement between Mr. Papa, Mr. Herrick, and Ms. Boehlert.

Mr. Herrick stated the ceilings at White Hills Recreation Center will be done next month. There are new custodians on at night. Camps will be starting up soon and advertisements will begin shortly. Contracts have been received from Ms. Moran regarding the concerts. The Boys & Girls Club is interested in the Skate Park. A discussion between Mr. Herrick and Mr. Ribas took place regarding decreasing the fees, increasing the hours, the possibility of putting a trailer on the site, and the possibility of increasing the season into December or January. It needs to go the Board of the Directors of the Boys & Girls Club for approval.

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Cawthra's report was looked at and discussed. There were no questions regarding his report.

AQUATIC DIRECTOR:

Ms. Boehlert's report was looked at and discussed. There were no other questions regarding her report.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Mastrony reported on the weight room, another treadmill broke. A motor was just replaced on one at the cost of \$950. New lifting equipment and the Universal Station are being looked at to be replaced.

On a motion made by Joseph DeFilippo to accept all Staff Reports, seconded by Carey Moran, all were in favor. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Mr. Gabor reported that there are no major bills.

GAZEBO:

Mrs. Moran reported on the concerts on the green. There will be 8 bands and the Lip Sync. The Paul King Orchestra is free and is sponsored by the Barnum Financial group. The last scheduled date is August 20th, it leaves an extra week to add another band or for a rain date. Marshall Tucker would cost \$10,000.00; there is \$26,000.00 in the Gazebo fund. A discussion followed regarding budget cuts, a rain date, and the expansion of the Gazebo. .

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On March 20 @ 6:30 stuffing the envelopes with the Gazebo fund raising letters will be done.

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

Mr. Kudej reported that the Long Hill Field project will be turned over to the BOA @ the next meeting. Water is needed at Riverview Park when the weather breaks.

PARK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

No report.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

No report.

A motion was made by Carey Moran to accept all Committee Reports, seconded by Diane Barry, all were in favor. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Papa reported that a meeting is being set up with Mayor to go over all future plans on the lands and fields. Everything that was requested in the budget was given, except \$10,000.00 which was taken out of part time. Additional \$14,000.00 for equipment needs to be added in. Chairman Papa reported that a letter from Carey Moran was written on behalf of Jeff Prushko who is a senior at SHS and is physically handicapped who utilizes a motorized wheelchair. Funds are being raised to defray the cost of the brand new minivan that Jeff needs to drive. Chairman Papa stated that at next month meeting a possible donation for Jeff Prushko be given by the Commission. Chairman Papa reported on the Flag Football League for adults who would like us to sponsor them. They are looking for a place to play. They can try it for a year and see how it goes. A discussion followed regarding all of the regulations for the teams to play.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Moran reported that the Mayor gave the Lacrosse teams the tall farm to practice on.

NEW BUSINESS:

March 15th @ 8:30 will be the park walk around.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 was made by Carey Moran seconded by Paul Gabor all were in favor. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Peggy Camp

Clerk

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