

The Shelton Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Shelton Community Center 54 Hill Street Shelton Ct 06484.

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

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

Chairman Papa opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Michael Jiaing 54 Carley Street, Shelton Ct

Mr. Jiaing spoke regarding his suspension of his membership. The reason for his suspension is because of his son who can not swim but he purchased a life jacket so now he can swim. He wants to know if he can swim with his life jacket. He asked about the definition of a swimmer vs. a non swimmer. He feels his son who is 5 years old while wearing a life jacket can swim therefore he is a swimmer not a non swimmer.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Chairman Papa asked everyone to review the minutes of the May meeting. Chairman Papa asked about the clarification of letter read from Dave Zamba to Gene Sullivan regarding the fireworks.

On a motion made by Gary Cahill to accept May minutes, seconded by David Zamba, all were in favor. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Herrick read a letter from himself to Mrs. Willink regarding the programs and the usage of the buildings for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Herrick read a letter from Jeff regarding the donation of \$70.00 to his van fund. .

A letter was read from Joe Laucella to Sandy Nesteriak and Jason Perillo regarding the power at the Riverwalk for the Relay for Life.

A letter from Nutmeg Concessions was read regarding the providing of food and glow light products at the Fireworks.

A letter was read from Mr. Najarian regarding the roof of the library being repaired and his concern of the pullets of roofing materials being loaded in a concentrated area of the roof. It has since been resolved.

A letter was read from Dr. Abrahamson regarding John Harwood and not being able to participate in the Yoga classes. He paid for 20 and made 7, usually a \$50.00 credit is given.

Another letter was read regarding guitar classes and that it is the same night of her son's baseball games. He missed to classes and would like a refund for the two classes that her son missed.

This was discussed and decided that no refund would be given.

Another letter was read from Teresa Spintz regarding her interest in joining the swim classes and her being able to attend at no charge due to her income level being low. This was discussed and decided that she would have to pay.

STAFF REPORTS:

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Herrick reported on the financial report and that there will be one more for the fiscal year. Athletic camps and the gyms are all set. Attendance at many of them is low. The girls conditioning camp is doing very well. Flat beds and portables toilets are ordered for the fireworks. The Yankee game is sold out. Jim Mastroney had surgery on Tuesday and should be back the following Tuesday. The playground camps are scheduled to start. Rentals have been very busy. The White Hills Rec Center floors need to be done. He reported that there are several groups scheduled to do give aways on the green.

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Cawthra reported was looked at and discussed. East Village is in good shape. There is a problem with the Nike Site gate being kept closed. A discussion followed regarding some possible solutions, changing the lock, hiring a monitor payable to the league; send a letter to Babe Ruth. David Zamba stated his thanks from the Diamond Club for the planting of the tree in Ed Moracco's memory.

AQUATIC DIRECTOR:

Ms. Boehlert's reported that the programs are up and running and registrations are ongoing. Pool rentals are close to the same that we had last month. Mr. Jiaing requested was discussed. Ms. Boehlert reported that for 6 weeks her staff was redirecting him and his children. A letter that dates back from April and May from them that he wants them to redefine what a swimmer and a non swimmer is because his child swims as long as he has a life jacket on. He swims laps while his children swim. The children ignore the staff and the rules. When a guard removed his child from the water Mr. Jiaing told his child that he did not have to listen to the guards and let him go back into the water. Mr. Papa asked if he said that in front of everyone. Ms. Boehlert stated that he did. Mr. Herrick asked if the guard put that in writing. Ms. Boehlert replied that she told her verbally. Any staff member that has been working while he attends has either verbally or in writing reported him to me. A letter dated May 28th suspended him for a month which will be up in one more week was sent to him. He wants the Commission to redefine the rule of what a swimming individual and a non swimming individual is. Our policy says that you have to be within an arms length of his non swimming child. A swimmer is a non supported technique of you in the pool. Mr. Cahill stated that it may not be clearly define. He suggested sending a letter stating what a swimmer is and what a non swimmer is and that is the standard in the industry. He suggested adding an addendum to the policy.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR:

No report.

On a motion made by Paul Gabor to accept all Staff Reports, seconded by Joe DeFilippo, all were in favor. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Mr. Gabor reported that the bills look good.

GAZEBO:

Mr. Zamba reported on the concerts on the green and the fireworks, everything is all set.

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

No report.

PARK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

No report.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

No report.

A motion was made by Gary Cahill accept all Committee Reports, seconded by David Zamba, all were in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary Cahill to enter into Executive Session @ 8:15 p.m. seconded by David Zamba. No motions occurred during Executive Session. Returned from Executive Session @ 8:35 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Papa stated that he and Ron did meet with the Mayor and went over a few items. One of those being electric hook up. They spoke about carpeting the Community Center and it has gone out to bid. The roof is being done and the dehumidifiers are next. Bids for that will be open on July 20th. Ceiling fans are not included. Lafayette parking is being looked into. Chairman Papa spoke with Bill Bardin from SYSO to come to our meeting next month to discuss what he wants to do along with any neighbors who would like to discuss it. It will be on the July agenda. He also reported that Public Health and Safety met with the Chief of Police regarding the graffiti. One possible solution might be to put up cameras, having the neighborhood watch offering a reward. The BOA could pass a graffiti and spray paint ordinance.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 was made by Joseph DeFilippo 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.