

The Shelton Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:40 PM in the Shelton Community Center 54 Hill Street Shelton Ct 06484.

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

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

Chairman Papa opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**On a motion made by David Zamba to move AYF from old business to the public portion, seconded by Robert Zuraw all were in favor. The motion carried**

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Kunxian Jiang 54 Carely St. Shelton Ct.

Mr. Jiang spoke a letter that he received from Mr. Herrick regarding his suspension of the pool. He would clarification regarding this matter.

Bob Trez, Rocky Pace, and Kevin Robinson  
(Tape inaudible)

All three of these gentlemen spoke regarding the American Youth Football League that is now offered to Shelton. This is a grade based, age protected league that will allow greater participation for the youth of Shelton regardless of weight. Mr. Pace spoke regarding how Pop Warner started and the difference between both leagues. He also explained how this league has grown over the years. Cheerleading is also offered. Mr. Robinson spoke about their registration dates, and who has already signed on. Questions from the board were asked regarding practice sites, games, and the use of the Sea Hawks trade mark.

**(Tape 1 Side B)**

**On a motion made by Robert Zuraw for Parks and Recreation to sponsor the AYF league with the stipulation of no funds being given at this time seconded by Gary Cahill all were in favor. The motion carried**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

**On a motion made by Robert Zuraw to accept the March minutes, seconded by David Zamba, all were in favor. The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Herrick read an email from Charlene DeFilippo between herself and Kristen Bellentuone regarding the boat ramp.

Mr. Herrick read a letter from the Fire Chief, Fran Jones to the Board of Alderman regarding a proposal for future use of city property located at 470 Howe Avenue for use by the Shelton Fire department.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Mr. Herrick reported that softball leagues have begun. He mentioned of the problem with lights at East Village Park. The Skate Park will be open on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Herrick mentioned that the Huntington Herald wants payment for advertising programs now. Mr. Herrick reported that he has received prices for fences and the gate at the Nike site. He also received prices for the repairs at the Skate Park. The Mayor has not signed the purchase orders as of yet. The Hide Out has called upset regarding problems at the Nike Site. Bids have gone out to repair the 4 tennis courts and basket ball court at the Nike Site, Sunnyside, Riverview, and East Village. Mr. Zuraw asked about doing a line item for preventive maintenance. Chairman Papa stated that we can do that but it doesn't mean it will get done. He stated that all purchase orders need to be signed off by the Mayor. Mr. Zuraw suggested sending a written recommendation to the Mayor.

Chairman Papa asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Ralph Rotondo.

**PARKS SUPERINTENDENT:**

Mr. Cawthra's report was looked at. Mr. Zamba asked if playing has started at the High School yet. Mulch has been delivered to SIS and Babe Ruth people spread it and did a good job.

**AQUATIC DIRECTOR:**

Ms. Boehlert's report was looked at. The drains were inspected and passed. Pool gutters need to be repaired. .

**RECREATION SUPERVISOR:**

No report.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:**

No report.

Mr. Zuraw reported that the envelopes have been stuffed and labeled. Ms. Burke will handle the remaining ones.

**GAZEBO:**

Mrs. Moran reported that all bands have been booked. The concerts will run from June 24<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zamba reported that HSBS is willing to sponsor \$1000.00 for 2 shows. They would like Highland and Parrot Beach. Bids have gone out for the Fireworks.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE:**

No report.

**PARK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Ms. Burke reported on the walk around that occurred. The following things need repair:

Long Hill's basketball hoops and rims and repaving are needed.

East Village field 1 rail and fill are needed also the light pole needs reinforcement, the soccer field team benches need to be replaced.

Nike Site a pole at the bottom of the Babe Ruth fence is needed, the fence also needs to be repaired. Mr. Zuraw stated that we have a fencing budget and why can't it be done.

Also the lights at the concession stand are needed.

Ms. Burke also mentioned the bathrooms at the Nike Site and who is responsible for cleaning them. Mrs. Moran asked about the bathrooms at the Nike Site. A discussion took place as to how to solve the problem with the maintenance of bathrooms.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:**

No Report.

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

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Chairman Papa reported on the dog park and the site has been chosen. A work party is going to be held. The park will be segregated for small dogs and larger dogs. Mr. Zamba mentioned about dogs attacking dogs and the severity of this occurring. Chairman Papa stated that he would like to include two active people in the committee, Bill and Mandy Orem to be members of the committee.

**On a motion made by Ms. Burke to include Mr. and Mrs. Orem to become members of the Dog Park Committee seconded by Joseph DeFilippo all were in favor, motion carried.**

Mr. Zamba asked about the dog pound being moved there. Mr. Herrick stated that Open Space does not want it there.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No Report

**A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 was made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Gary Cahill, all were in favor. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by,

*Peggy Camp*

Clerk

1 Tapes on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Attachments are not available on the website.