

The Shelton Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday January 15th, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Shelton Community Center 54 Hill Street Shelton Ct 06484.

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

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

Chairman Papa opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Kunxian Jiang 54 Carley St. Shelton Ct.

Mr. Jiang spoke regarding an appeal of discriminatory swimming rules against himself and his children, the pool rules and his suspension of swimming. He spoke about the testing given to his child to determine if he is considered a swimmer or non swimmer. Mr. Jiang spoke about the changing of rules, being able to swim 25 yards either in a stroke on the front, stroke on the back, or a combination of to being able to swim 50 yards, after his child had passed the test.

Mr. Anthony Simonetti 6 Hayfield Dr. Shelton Ct.

Mr. Simonetti spoke on behalf of Mr. Jiang. He stated that he is someone who appreciates rules and regulations. He stated that he has seen some of the documentation that he has received over the last 6 to 8 months, and he did have a chance to speak with Mr. Herrick. Mr. Simonetti stated that he believes some of the problem is a language barrier, and he hopes that the Commission will take another look at the suspension. He asked that a third party observe his son swimming ability. Mr. Simonetti stated that he did observe a child entering the pool area while eating, which is against pool rules and no one said anything. He stated that he would like to see Mr. Jiang have a chance to rectify the situation.

Mr. Papa stated that Mr. Jiang will be put on the agenda for February.
There being no one else from the public, the public portion was closed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Joseph DeFilippo to accept the December minutes, seconded by David Zamba, all were in favor. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Herrick discussed a letter from himself to Mr. Jiang regarding the redirection of the pool rules. It has reached a point where you have told your children that they do not need to listen to the guards of the pool. A copy of the pool rules and regulations were enclosed. This behavior resulted in a 3 month suspension starting January 12th.

A letter from Mr. Jiang dated January 9th was sent to Mr. Herrick, regarding discriminatory swimming rules against himself and his children.

Mr. Herrick read a letter from Richard Parkins regarding making the boat ramp open all year and having the police patrol it for vehicles without stickers.

Mr. Herrick read a letter reporting the usage of the skate park. There were 258 daily passes and 26 yearly passes. The Boys and Girls will no longer be involved. A discussion regarding how to increase usage followed.

STAFF REPORTS:

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Herrick reported on the drains for pool. He stated that Planning & Zoning, Wetlands and himself meet about the floating dock and filling out the application. Bids were opened for the pool cleaning.

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Cawthra's report was looked at. There were no further questions.

AQUATIC DIRECTOR:

Ms. Boehlert's discussed her report. She stated that the life guarding class had just finished and one employee will be hired from it. Dates are available for upcoming classes; all classes have to have a minimum of 6 participants. All winter programs have been published. Plastic drain covers have been found from one company, the cost is just over \$1000.00.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR:

No Report.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Mr. Gabor reported that there was nothing of significance.

GAZEBO:

Mrs. Moran reported on starting the plans for the summer concerts. Fireworks are set for July 2nd and a rain date of the 3rd.

Tape 1 Side B

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

Mr. Kudej reported that the Long Hill Ball park contractor has been picked. Bids are going out next month for the removal of the mound. Truck trafficking is being worked out in conjunction with the BOE. Mr. Herrick reported on behalf of Tony Branca his concerns regarding the possibility of lacrosse using those fields. There will not be enough room. He also has concerns about what might happen to the Lafayette fields.

PARK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

No report. Mrs. Barry asked about White Hills Rec Center.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Zamba reported on the open space plan being passed.

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Papa reported that we have an Adhoc Committee for the Dog Park. .A meeting will be set in February for them to meet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Papa reported on the 2009 proposed budget. A discussion followed. Mr. Herrick reported on the changes between the 2008 budget and the proposed 2009 budget. Chairman Papa stated that all leagues were told if they did not submit a financial report there will be no funds, still waiting on one league to submit their reports.

Tape 2 Side A

A discussion followed.

Mr. Herrick reported on the revenue and increase.

David Zamba motioned to accept the Parks & Recreation Proposed 2009-2010 Budget for \$1,546,895.00, Gary Cahill seconded there being no further discussion, all were in favor. Motion carried

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 was made by David Zamba seconded by Diane Barry all were in favor. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Peggy Camp

Clerk

2 Tapes on file in the Town Clerk's Office.
Attachments are not available on the website.