

The Shelton Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday March 19th, 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 (excused)
 David Zamba
 Robert Zuraw
 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:

Joan McDonald a member of the Shelton women's softball and volleyball team. She spoke regarding the usage of fields for the softball team. She would like to know what is going to be done with field maintenance and with Long Hill field not being accessible where are the teams going to be able to play.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw to accept the February minutes with the correction that at the January meeting Robert Zuraw was excused not absent, seconded by Diana Barry, all were in favor. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Herrick discussed a letter regarding a band to play at the concerts; also a letter was read about HSBC Bank sponsoring a concert for this year.

Mr. Herrick also read a letter about a petition regarding the naming of the baseball field being put out in the lobby of the Community Center.

Mr. Herrick reported that a letter was sent to Mr. Jiang and a letter to Mr. Kulish.

A thank you letter for the donation of a recumbent exercise bicycle from Jim Mastrony to Mr. and Mrs. Koch.

STAFF REPORTS:

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Herrick reported that softball meeting are being held, camps and clinics for the spring and summer are being worked out. Planning for the skate park needs to be done. The stickers for the boat ramp have been delivered, stickers start April 1st. Clay has been ordered and to start at Riverview. The upper fields and lower lacrosse/soccer fields at the high school are done on overtime. The new cleaning service has been okay. A letter from Joseph Laucells from Echo Hose regarding use of the Huntington Green on Saturday September 19th was read. A discussion

took place about holding it at a different time and date. The Nike Site fencing will be looked at to repair.

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Cawthra's report was looked at. Work is still being done at the Senior Center and work at the fields are being done. Mr. Zamba asked about the use of recycle bins at the concerts and ballparks. .

AQUATIC DIRECTOR:

Ms. Boehlert's discussed her report. The drains were replaced and the vacuum is out to repair.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR:

Mr. Mastrony reported that new equipment has been ordered. He discussed a possible fundraiser of selling bricks for the dog park. Skate Park needs the ramps repainted. May 4th will be the possible opening of the Skate Park.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Mr. Gabor asked a question regarding a payment of \$13,000.00 to Mr. Cahill. Mr. Herrick reported that Mr. Cahill is the treasurer for Bidy Basketball.

GAZEBO:

Mrs. Moran reported that they are waiting on 3 contracts. The Golden Eagle Jazz band would like to stroll prior to the fireworks for \$400.00 from 6:00 – 7:00. Mr. Zamba requested that the electricity be closer to the sprinkler head.

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

Mr. Kudej reported that playground at Riverview park gets open quickly due to an accident almost occurring and baseball practice will be starting. Water needs to be turned on at Riverview. Long Hill fields have gone out to bid. People are working up there now. City land has been reclaimed. The Long Hill PTA would like us not to start until school is out. If that happens the field would not be done for 2 years. Most work has been done on the weekends.

PARK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Barry asked about the park improvement walk around. It will be scheduled for April 4th @8:30 at Sunnyside. The cracks on the basketball courts at the Nike site that are in need of repair.

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CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

No Report

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Papa reported on the skate park and how to increase usage and the possibility of having summer camps and a local professional in. David Zamba asked about the graffiti ordinance and whose responsibility it is to clean the graffiti off of the farmers market. Chairman Papa remarked that the ordinance has passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Papa and Mr. Herrick reported on the possible Nellsrock and Shelton Ave site for the dog park. They would like the animal shelter next to the dog park. He discussed the possible rules and fundraising for the park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Zuraw reported that the ad committee will meet at 7:00 on 4/16 prior to the next meeting. Mr Herrick reported on the AYF league. They are holding registration on 4/4. A possible practice site could be at the slab and the games at the high school.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 was made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Joseph DeFilippo 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.