

The Shelton Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 P.M. at the Shelton Community Center, 41 Church Street, Shelton.

Members present: Chairman John Papa
Allyson Burke
Joseph DeFilippo
Paul Gabor
Michelle Pagliaro Haywood
Stanley Kudej
David Zamba
Robert Zuraw

Staff present: Ronald Herrick, Director
Dean Cawthra, Parks Superintendent

Members absent: Gary Cahill (excused)
Harry LaBonda (absent)

Staff absent: Ann Marie Boehlert, Aquatic Director
Jim Mastrony, Recreation Supervisor

PUBLIC PORTION:

Robert Terez, 25 Mulberry Lane, Kevin Robinson, 351 Beardsley Road, and Kevin Scanlon, 35 Maple Lane from American Youth Football addressed the Commission. The next flyer was presented to the Commission concerning the information on the league, as well as pictures of the team and cheerleaders squad. They just finished their first season and want to show you our success. Thank you for the use of the Stowe field and he presented Ronald Herrick with a plaque. There is also a trophy that will be placed in the case upstairs, once the base is completed.

We need a home. We are here to ask for fields that is a difficult situation in Town. We have been speaking with Tony Branca. It is something that we would like to put sweat equity into, stated Robert Terez. There will be a budget in place for you by January.

Typically in other towns such as Bridgeport, Ansonia and Monroe the second year the enrollment doubles then the 3rd year it will triple with possible hopes to merge with Pop Warner. The Commission was shown a validation book concerning the children, that is carried to each game and we even had dialogues with the kids teachers.

OCTOBER MINUTES

Chairman Papa stated that the October minutes read that the dog park should be approved at that location. The location should be stated as Nells Rock and Route 108.

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On a motion made by Allyson Burke seconded by Robert Zuraw it was unanimously voted to amend the October minutes to reflect the actual location of the dog park be noted as the corner of Nells Rock Road and Route 108.

Chairman Papa asked Dean if he got any pricing on the fence at East Village? We are going to be doing that he answered. I got the pricing and the purchase order got kicked back stated Ronald Herrick. Robert Zuraw stated there was \$6000.00 in last years budget for the fences. The fenceman was out at the Nike Site and the fence was fixed. There is a line item for fence repair stated Robert Zuraw. The money was not used stated Robert Zuraw. I don't understand a budgeted line item that can't be used.

On a motion made by David Zamba seconded by Robert Zuraw it was unanimously voted to approve the October minutes with the above stated amendment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ronald Herrick read a letter that was sent to John Papa concerning the dog park, from a resident on Spicebush Lane.

There was a letter from a resident concerning Brownsons Country Club and the apparent purchase of that property, the concerns of Capewell Park and lights, the noise and disrespect of coaches and children, and the installation of a two lane road near the Capewell property and the residents property, which was sent to the Mayor.

There was a letter concerning the rip-rap at Sunnyside Boat Ramp and the DEP's recommendations which was sent to the Mayor. This is not about the floating dock but the rip-rap stone that was put in about a year ago.

STAFF REPORTS:

DIRECTOR'S

Ronald Herrick reported that all summer programs are over now. There was some replacement of gym equipment, one that was beyond help that we could use as parts. There will be two bus trips for UCONN Basketball.

We are going to bid next month on the cleaning service. It is a yearly contract and maybe we could bump that up for a two year or three year contract. The cleaning service hired one of our workers, Michalene.

AQUATIC DIRECTOR:

Ann Marie was absent but she left her report, stated Ronald Herrick.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ronald Herrick asked Dean if he was able to get some leaves done at what they call Mile Island, near Access Road. There was a complaint from a gentlemen that lives on Huntington Street. The leaves were blown along his property. If this gentlemen saw us blowing leaves in there we should not be doing that, added Ronald Herrick.

On a motion made by Joseph DeFilippo seconded by Robert Zuraw it was unanimously reported to accept all Staff Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Paul Gabor reported he looked at the bills.

GAZEBO:

There was nothing to report. It is kind of early, stated Chairman Papa.

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

Stanley Kudej reported that he had been approached about the tennis courts at the High School. Those were redone when the Intermediate School was built, stated Ronald Herrick. The cracks were filled two years ago. That is Board of Ed, he added. That is the same as the baseball field, stated David Zuraw.

There was a discussion on the field availability with regard to American Youth Football. The original request came in with three dates for use of the field then one date got changed. There then was no field available for that changed date. David Zamba stated that LaCrosse has also been looking for field use. LaCrosse and American Youth Football doesn't conflict, stated Chairman Papa. I told Ron that we need to meet with the Mayor, LaCrosse and American Youth Football. Unless Pop Warner and American Youth mergers then they will have Lafayette. Tony Branca wants an area dedicated to LaCrosse. There is land we can use, and they (American Youth Football) will put money into, added Chairman Papa. LaCrosse is growing and I am in favor of that, he added. A discussion followed about field use, LOCIP funds, doing the work themselves, using artificial turf, room area, and members Stanley Kudej, Chairman Papa, Michelle Pagliaro Haywood, David Zamba, Robert Zuraw and Ronald Herrick participating. Most towns merge because they can not support more then two teams and we have three right now.

Stanley Kudej questioned the maintenance of the baseball field? Ronald Herrick stated it does get some maintenance because it is used as a soccer field as well.

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David Zamba stated that is another reason for us to get another multi-use field. It is ridiculous for us to play soccer on a baseball field. There are 5 soccer teams, stated Ronald Herrick. I maintain it is only a matter of time before we get Field Hockey coming in and girls LaCrosse growing, stated Allyson Burke.

Stanely Kudej questioned maintenance of the dog park. The dogs are going to running lose more then likely. Who is responsible for picking the residulas up? The owners stated Ronald Herrick, it is in our rules. Most of the people are very involved with their dogs. If they don't, stated Stanely Kudej? We have rules, stated Chairman Papa. We would empty the garbage cans as needed, stated Ronald Herrick.

Stanley Kudej reported that Long Hill is behind schedule because of the rain. They were hoping to get sod in the far field. Their might be one field that will get sod. There is erosion and the contractor suggested curbing up top. Ronald Herrick stated lets see if Highway and Bridges could do it? It is not a quick job, stated Stanely Kudej.

David Zamba asked who maintains the Riverwalk? The Citiizens Advisor Group brought up the rails that are getting pretty rusty and need painting. Make a note of that stated Chairman Papa. There are alot of weeds growing through those bricks, stated Joseph DeFilippo.

Robert Zuraw stated there are so many jobs within the City to get done and we never get more people to do the jobs but we keep adding more jobs to be done. All of us get a complaints and we need to tell people that we have no people to get the jobs done. Look at what we are doing here at the Community Center with the service we have here now, stated Chairman Papa. Dean makes up the schedule of work that has to be done, he added.

Dean Cawthra stated that there is conduit at East Village and U.I. has to be notified. It is to go in the area of the field downhill and they need to dig from the road to the box, stated Ronald Herrick.

Stanley Kudej stated there was a 5 ton boulder at the War Memorial and it will be the base of the plaques. There is a sewer line and water lines in the front there. Dean Cawthra stated the water is not in the way but the sewer line has to be replaced. The trees have grown into it, he added. It is a two day job and it has to be shut down.

On a motion made by Paul Gabor seconded by Joesph DeFilippo it was unanimously voted to approve all Committee Reports.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Papa stated he will be meeting with the Board of Finance, next Tuesday for funding for the dog park. Ronald Herrick came up with a price of about \$21,000.00 to complete everything. \$18,600.00 is LOCIP eligible. The balance for the pots and signage is not LOCIP eligible. The people on the Committee would like to raise money through the sales of brick. You buy a brick for a certain price. People are in favor of raising funds.

The budget process will start in December and we have to have the budget done by January 15th, stated Chairman Papa.

The field at Stowe needs to be cut, stated Ronald Herrick and we are going to put that on our list. As far as fields go, we have walked the back part of the Klapik property. You have to put a road in, stated David Zamba. There is a dead end in the back, stated Robert Zuraw. It is off Soundcrest or up there, he added. We are going to sit down with the Mayor for a discussion on field space and see where he wants them to use. It got dark when they (AYF) practiced at Stowe then they went to the Riverwalk, stated Ronald Herrick. If anyone gets Stowe they will ask for permanent lights, stated Robert Zuraw. Practice is a concern stated Chairman Papa. We have the land, he added.

Chairman Papa stated we need to schedule the meetings for the 2010. Robert Zuraw had a calendar, the meetings will be the third Thursday, and listed those dates as follows: January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 16. The meetings will be held at the Community Center.

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Allyson Burke it was unanimously voted to approve the 2010 Meeting Schedule.

OLD BUSINESS: There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Allyson Burke stated that she was approached by a few people to do a women's basketball league. They are interested in a summer league equivalent to what the men have. We can advertise it, stated Chairman Papa. The biggest problem is qualifying it as Shelton or teaming up with Derby to call it a Valley League. This would be summer first and if we are able to sustain it they can do the winter one. There is a court at the Nike Site with lights up there, stated Chairman Papa. We can try it and we will advertise it, stated Ronald Herrick. Would you talk with Dennis at Derby, questioned Chairman Papa of Ronald Herrick? The Nike Site is very windy and the people didn't like it up there. Sunnyside might be a good place to use, added Ronald Herrick.

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When would you advertise asked Chairman Papa? We would start in April because they get out of school in May and you would want to start in June, added Ronald Herrick. Are these college girls, asked Chairman Papa? Do an opened league, the women's varisty basketball coach at Shelton High School, now is pro-women league. The women that approached me are all back in Shelton and we should do an open league. 18 and up stated Allyson Burke. Just living in Shelton or working in Shelton, questioned Michelle Pagliaro Haywood? What we do now is lving in Shelton, working full time or graduate of Shelton, stated Ronald Herrick.

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Stanely Kudej it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diana Barry,
Pro-temp clerk

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