

The Shelton Parks and Recreation Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 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  
   Joseph DeFilippo  
   Paul Gabor  
   Stanley Kudej  
   Harry Labonda  
   Michelle Pagliaro Haywood (excused)  
   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 (absent)

Chairman Papa opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Tony Branca 25 Walnut Tree Hill, Shelton Ct

Mr. Branca spoke regarding a permanent location for lacrosse. He also spoke about lining and the painting of the field at Lafayette. He stated that the building would be built by Lacrosse. Two garages would be on the back of the property one being for Lacrosse and the other for Pop Warner. If a new location could be found it would be ideal and better than the current field, it would also free up Lafayette field. Mr. Branca also discussed the conditions of the Lafayette field.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

**On a motion made by David Zamba to accept the September minutes, with the correction that Allyson Burke stated at the September meeting regarding the selling of the property on Soundview Ave. She stated not to sell the property or the house. The motion was seconded by Gary Cahill, all were in favor. The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Herrick read a thank you card from Carey Moran for the clock that she had received. He also read a letter from himself to George Gray regarding the donation of safety helmets for the skate park. Mr. Herrick A letter from Iroquois Gas was read thanking Mr. Herrick for the use of the pool. Mr. Herrick read a letter from Mayor Lauretti to Carey Moran thanking her for her past services. A letter from Rob Brouillette was read regarding the temporary lights on Capewell Park. **On a motion made by Paul Gabor to approve the temporary lights at Capewell Park, seconded by David Zamba, all were in favor. The motion carried.**

Mr. Herrick read a letter addressed to Mr. Papa from Thomas Harbinson, Chairman of the Conservation Commission regarding their concerns of the dog park.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Mr. Herrick reported that the flag pole at Constitution Park will be repaired. He also stated that the grates for the pool have been passed by the Board of Alderman at a cost of \$4700.00. They will be installed over the Thanksgiving break when the pool is closed. Mr. Herrick stated that the Conservation Commission had a group, The Ct Environmental Review Team, regarding the Wiasek property. They are going to prepare a report for the City. The entire site was walked and looked at. They had questions on how the purchase came to be, what the plan was. There are no deed restrictions; it does not have to remain open space. He also reported that the Long Hill basketball hoops need to be straightened out, East Village railings are done, the light pole still needs to be repaired, the soccer field benches still need to be done, Nike Site pole at the bottom of the Babe Ruth fence needs repair, and the bathrooms have been cleaned and are maintained.

**PARKS SUPERINTENDENT:**

Mr. Cawthra's report was looked at. Mr. Papa asked about the trees at War Memorial and if they were cut down. Mr. Cawthra stated that they are done.

**AQUATIC DIRECTOR:**

Ms. Boehlert's report was looked at. No questions were asked.

**RECREATION SUPERVISOR:**

Mr. Herrick reported on the skate board park. Things are going better. .

**On a motion made by Joseph DeFilippo to accept all Staff Reports, seconded by Allyson Burke all were in favor. The motion carried.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:**

Mr. Gabor reported that there were bills.

**GAZEBO:**

Mr. Zamba reported that he and Allyson Burke will be working together.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE:**

Mr. Kudej reported on the Long Hill field and its progressing. They have run into some drainage problems. .

**PARK IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Kudej asked about the dock. .

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:**

As reported in the letter to Chairman Papa, they have concerns about the dog park site. .

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

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Chairman Papa reported that East Village fence still needs to be done. He also stated that he received a call from AYF and their practicing problems. Mr. Papa asked the Commission to think about any new programs that they would be interested in starting. David Zamba asked about the possibility of building more fields, possible on the Klasic or Wiasek properties. A discussion regarding Wiasek took place. Also a discussion about expanding and installing artificial turf at the Lafayette field took place.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dog Park – The committee has finalized the rules which are as follows:

1. All dogs must be properly licensed and vaccinated.
2. Owners must comply with all state and local regulations.
3. Maximum of three dogs per owner.
4. Owners are responsible for their dog's behavior.
5. Aggressive dogs and dogs in heat are not allowed.
6. Dogs must be on a leash until they are in the fenced area of the park.
7. Owners must clean up after their dogs and repair any holes that are dug.
8. Children must be supervised at all times.
9. Use park at your own risk.

There will be two areas, one for all size dogs and one for small dogs 25 pounds or less. Prices have been obtained for the following benches, fences, signs approximately it will cost \$20,000.00. Clearing of the area needs to be done. The plans were reviewed. There will be approximately 26 parking spots. A brick fundraiser is being looked into.

**On a motion made by Allyson Burke to accept the concept of the dog park at that location and also the rules to send to the Board of Alderman for approval, seconded by Gary Cahill, all were in favor. The motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No report. .

**A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 was made by Gary Cahill 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.