

## Park and Recreation Commission Special Meeting

**2017 04 11 Revised**

**Minutes**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

Robert G. Potter, Director  
Joseph Schettino, Chairman  
Harry Swaun, V. Chairman  
Michael Sutyla

Robert Karcich (absent)  
Robert Neri  
Ronald Stopkoski  
Julie Mendez

**Guest:** Peter Neff, Dir. DPW

**Minutes:**

**March 7, 2017:** Mr. Sutyla motioned to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017 P & R Commission meeting as submitted. Mr. Stopkoski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:**

**Budget 2017-2018:**

Reminders: Public Hearing is being held on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and the Vote on the Budget is being held on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**STEAP Grant:**

The P & R Director attended the last Municipal Building Committee meeting. Mrs. Mendez forward info the P & R Commission Chairman. Mr. Schettino asked Mrs. Mendez to forward all info to the entire Commission, in the future. The DTV Consulting Group will be re-designing the entire project. Mr. Neff: they did borings, etc. There is a conflict with the septic and we have some concession issues. There is a questions as to whether we should tear the building down and start over or to renovate. They have some preliminary pricing on the bleachers: additions to the Visitor's side and whether or not to replace or move down the Home side. Mr. Schettino: if there is a re-design of the Concession, will it be different? Mr. Neff: No, but it might be cheaper to start from scratch. The Commission wants to be able to see the New Design. Mr. Neff assured the Commission that the design would come back to the Commission. The location of the Concession will not change. The additions to the concession and where they will be added are in question. Mr. Neri wanted to know if the current septic system met code. Mr. Neff stated that it did because the concession is a seasonal operation. It shouldn't be problematic. The fry-o-lator can't be operated without a grease trap and ansul. There is a possibility that we may be in construction during the football season. Mr. Schettino: should the meters be split? There are too many community groups that use the facility. A decision has to be made as to which season the Commission wants to shut the concession down; Spring or Fall. Mr. Neff hopes to have some options by May. If need be, the Commission is willing to call a Special meeting.

**New Business:**

**Freedom of Information and Charter Compliance Issues**

The Chairman stated that the Commission is not compliant. He was also under the impression that the Commission could use whomever they wanted to clerk their meetings and this may not be the case and would like a motion to table this item until he had the opportunity to get a clarification.

Mr. Sutyla motioned to table this topic so the Chairman can get a clarification. Mr. Stopkoski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Beach Fees:**

Our current fees are as follows: Clinton/Killingworth Residents, Seasonal Pass: \$20 and \$10 for Senior Citizens, Non-Residents: \$25.00 per day parking fee, Busses: \$100.00 per day parking fee.

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The P & R Director as been approached by residents who would like to go to the beach a couple of times during the season but don't want to purchase a Seasonal Pass. He is suggesting the possibility of offering a \$5.00, one-day pass. We can recommend anything we want to the BOS and they can vote on it. Mr.

Sutyla would like to leave things the way they are, are fees are not unreasonable. Mr. Stopkoski thinks we should go ahead with the proposal.

Does anyone think that this will create a parking problem? Will this be considered a Parking Pass or a Day Pass? If we are considering multiple fees should we do this piece meal? Yes, we should do separate motions.

Mr. Stopkoski motioned that we offer a \$5.00, one-day, single, no re-entry passes, to residents, for the 2017 season, to the Town Beach. Mr. Swaun seconded the motion.

Vote: In Favor: Swaun, Neri, Stopkoski, Mendez, Schettino

Opposed: Sutyla

The motion passed.

Mr. Stopkoski motioned to raise the Non-resident, per day parking fee, to \$35.00. For lack of a second, the motion failed.

Mr. Swaun motioned that we do not raise any resident fees. Mr. Stopkoski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Director's Report:**

#### **Trees:**

The Director is going to be meeting with the Tree Warden, Gary Bousquet, to discuss some issues at IRRC and the Eliot LL Field.

#### **Little League Standards for Outfield Fencing:**

Mr. Sutyla brought it to the attention of the Director that these standards have changed and at what time will we be approached by the Little League to adjust our fields? Mr. Neri stated that if any change were to be made, they would most likely go to a 50/70 (50 ft. Pitcher's mound, 70 ft. base paths) which would require a 250 ft. fence. There is also talk about going back to wooden bats. Nothing has been decided. This no longer a concern of ours for the time being.

#### **Football Clinic – Peters Football Field:**

Clinton Youth Football is planning a clinic in July. We don't know if the field will be open, due to pending construction but it is possible. We recommend that they have a backup plan, just in case our field is not available.

#### **Lifeguards:**

We have three coming back from last year and two new ones. We certainly hope the budget passes.

**Fields:** our fields are in good shape.

#### **Re-surfacing of the Turf Field:**

The Director plans to have this done as soon as possible. The filler will be vacuumed and the seams will be fixed.

Mr. Schettino: The one-day event: Healthy Husky Color Run, falls under the jurisdiction of the P & R Director.

Mr. Sutyla motioned to adjourn. Mr. Swaun seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Assistant to Director