

West Haven Park and Recreation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 7, 2016  
Park Rec. Office

Meeting called to order by Comm. Coyle at 7:04 pm.

Present: Comm. Coyle, Comm. Valitis, Comm. Tompkins, Park Rec Director William Slater,

Absent: Comm. Beirne, Comm. Donovan

Motion set by Comm. Tompkins to accept the minutes from the meeting of February 1, 2016 seconded by Comm Valitis. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

- A. Fireworks- The Mayor has decided to move the fireworks from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 1, 2016 to save the city cost of overtime. A rain date will be July 5, 2016.
- B. John D'Amico- Mr. D'Amico submitted a request to hold a concert in Old Grove Park for approx 90 minutes. The music will consist of a Milford volunteer Ancient Fife and Drum Corps. The group holds 2-3 fife and drum corps and plays music from the Revolutionary War from the early 1900's. The commission has no objection. A motion was set to grant this request by Comm. Valitis. Seconded by Comm. Tompkins. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.
- C. Justin Weinstein- Mr. Weinstein from the Prospect Fish and Game Club is asking permission to use an ATV to maneuver the trailers in and out for their annual picnic on August 6, 2016. One adult will be in charge of using of the ATV and will be supervised by a club officer. A motion was set by Comm. Valitis to allow the use of the ATV as long as they stay in perimeter of their property. This motion was seconded by Comm. Tompkins. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.
- D. Samantha Violante- Ms. Violante submitted a request to hold an Art Walk along the Board Walk behind Parcel M on a Saturday during June or July of 2016. This walk will consist of twenty local artists and crafters setting up tables on both sides of this area for the public to see. These artists want to be able to sell their art work to people interested. Ms. Violante also wants to do chalk art along the walk way during this time. A motion was set by Comm. Valitis to approve the request with the understanding that only the Art work can be displayed. No sales of any kind will be granted nor will the chalk art be allowed due to the safety of people walking along the board walk. This motion was seconded by Comm. Tompkins. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

#### New Business:

- A. Other- Mr. Slater explains that the construction has begun at the Nike Site. With this construction occurring, it will impact the Summer Boy's Basketball program that is held there every year. The basketball courts need to be dug up in order to work on the sewer line that lies under the courts. Mr. Slater will be following up with Comm. Perrotti with the status of the construction.
- B. Other- Restitution Case- Thursday March 3, 2016 police were called to the Painter 3 softball field at Painter Park. A car was on the field stuck in mud. While trying to get out of the sunken spot he dug up the field. Before hand this gentleman was driving all over the field causing extreme damage to the field. A police report was made and the gentleman was given an arrest ticket to appear in court. Mr. Slater will follow up with this issue and bring it to the table next month with an update.

#### Maintenance-

- A. Mr. Slater is hoping that field work will start next week. With the spring sports starting practices now that means seasons will be starting within a week or two.

#### Old Business-

- A. Budget- Department budget proposals are in to the Finance Director. Mr. Slater states that he is waiting for the scheduled meeting to go over the budget that he requested for the Parks and Recreation department.
- B. Wooden Playground- Mr. Slater expresses that West Haven business entities are looking to help work with the city in refurbishment of this park. Mr. Slater met with the West Haven Rotary Club, whom Comm. Valitis is a member of and has expressed interest in helping this project along. The New Alliance Credit Union as well is interested helping with this project. Mr. Slater expresses that he has been unsuccessful in getting Rob Sandella, John Lewis, and the insurance company to meet at the park to do a walk through. Mr. Slater has requested the commission draw up a letter addressing the above people mentioned and get this project started soon. Comm. Chairman Coyle will write up a letter and send it to Mr. Slater to submit to all who needs to be involved.
- C. Other- Mr. Slater has been meeting with the Beach Parking Task Force. This task force is looking to come up with ideas in how to better serve people during the busy season along the beach parking lots along with how to collect more revenue for the city. To prevent misuse of West Haven resident stickers, the new idea is to put the resident's license plate number on the sticker. Another idea is to put more kiosks in the parking lots. There are still many things and ideas to discuss. Mr. Slater will update commission at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Valitis, seconded by Commissioner Tompkins and carried by unanimous vote at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kerri Ruocco

Please note these minutes are subject to approval.