

West Haven Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
May 2, 2016
Park Rec. Office

Meeting called to order by Comm. Coyle at 7:05 pm.

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

Absent: Comm. Beirne, Comm. Valaitis

Motion set by Comm. Tompkins to accept the minutes from the meeting of March 7, 2016 seconded by Comm. Donovan. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

A. Ralph Eberle- Sent a letter to the commission with concern for Third Ave Park. The concerns expressed are the way some basketball players come to the site, leave trash all over the court, the language used and just the disrespect of the facility. Mr. Eberle expressed how he had the nets taken down last year with the hopes the problems would go away and they did. This year the nets are back up and so the returning of disrespect has returned as well. Mr. Eberle expressed that he had a few people come to him and state they would like to adopt/sponsor the park to help keep the park up to par and attend to issues that occur around the facility.

New Business:

A. Park & Rec. Ground Regulations- the West Haven Traffic Division has asked Mr. Slater to revise the Shoreline Regulations about parking without stickers. The new regulation is stated as such: Vehicles in violation of stated parking area regulations will be ticketed and towed. Motion set by Comm. Coyle to approve the revise shoreline regulations. The motion was seconded by Comm. Donovan. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote

B. Beach Parking Task Force- Mr. Slater presented to the commission the recommendations from the Task Force: 1. Palace St will be a paid lot for Residents and Non-residents using the kiosks along the parking spaces. Residents are encouraged to park in Altschuler Blvd and Oak St lots. 2. All new beach stickers will go out with tax bills to people who are paid to date with taxes. 3. Signage at all lots will be updated. 4. Parking fines have been increased.

C. Third Ave Park- Mr. Eberle is looking for the commission to approve a group of people from the Third Ave area to be in charge of the park and how it is kept to par for kids in the area to be safe and play. The commission asked Mr. Slater to invite Mr. Eberle to the next meeting along with the people interested in sponsoring or adopting the area and get more information about exactly what they are looking to do.

Maintenance-

A. Mr. Slater expressed that spring season sports have started and field work has been started. Painter 3 softball field has been fixed from the damage cause by someone driving their car on the outfield. Restitution was sought out by the police department and public works.

Old Business-

A. Budget- Department budget has been presented to the council and just waiting for them to vote on it. Mr. Slater expressed that the process went well but didn't get exactly what he requested for Lifeguards and Constables. Mr. Slater also expresses the impact that minimal wage will have on the budget next year if the requested increases aren't granted.

B. Wooden Playground- Mr. Slater explained that the wooden playground at Painter Park is closed until further notice due to safety hazards around the structures. Mr. Slater contacted Leathers, a company that originally erected the structure back in 1994. Leathers is willing to come out and look at the structure and give an exact quote of repairs or replacement for a cost of \$1800.00. Mr. Slater expresses that the city is in no position to provide any of these costs at this time and is looking to go a different route to get at least the \$1800.00 for Leathers to come out and inspect. Mr. Slater will keep the commission up to date when information comes in.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Donovan, 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.