

West Haven Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
January 2, 2018
Park Rec. Office

Meeting called to order by Comm. Coyle at 7:08 pm.

Present: Comm. Coyle, Comm. Tompkins, Comm. Beirne, Comm. Valaitis, Comm. Donovan
Park Rec. Director William Slater, Councilwoman Bridgette Hoskie Park Rec Liaison

Absent: None

Motion set by Comm. Valaitis to suspend agenda and have public session. Motion seconded by Comm. Beirne. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

Public Session:

Dominate the Day Foundation- Liz Johnston, representative from the foundation, came to the commission with their event of a 5K run they would like to hold on the board walk on June 3, 2018. They are looking to get permission from the commission to use the beach front area for their event.

Motion to amend back to agenda was set by Comm. Coyle at 7:39pm. Motion seconded by Comm. Beirne. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

Motion set by Comm. Coyle to accept the minutes from the meeting of February 6, 2017 seconded by Comm. Donovan. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

A. Mike Last (Public Session)

B. New Life an Evangelical Free Church

New Business:

A. Mike Last with Dominate the Day Foundation- Comm. Valaitis sets a motion to approve this event for June 3, 2018 based of information presented to the commission. This is with the understanding that the date will be changed for the following years to come due to the Parks and Recreation Moratorium of no events on the beach front from Memorial Day to Labor Day of such year. Motion was seconded by Comm. Tompkins. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

B. New Life an Evangelical Free Church- Requested permission from the commission to use the boardwalk across from Old Grove Park to set up a tent and hand our free gospel tracks, bottles of water and information about their church. A motion was set by Comm. Donovan to deny this request due to the city ordinance which states “There shall be no soliciting on any city property”. This motion was seconded by Comm. Beirne. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

Maintenance:

A. Other- No Report

Old Business:

A. Name change for Third Ave Park- Tabled

B. Child Development Center Patricia Farquharson-Is seeking permission from the commission to utilize the Hubbard Nature Center to enhance it and possibly use it as an outdoor classroom for the young children of the community. They will be looking to get grants to enhance an outdoor classroom in the nature center. A motion is set by Comm. Beirne to approve this request to use the Hubbard Nature Center for an outdoor classroom use. The motion is seconded by Comm. Coyle with adding that any and all plans must come in front of the commission to be approved. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

C. Other- Nate Carr- Mr. Slater has updated the commission on where Mr. Carr from the Eagle Scouts will be placing his approved scout project of library boxes. Mr. Carr in the spring will be placing 2 boxes to hold books in for the public’s enjoyment at:

-Ocean Ave by Ivy St

-Usher Court

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Valaitis, seconded by Commissioner Beirne and carried by unanimous vote at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kerri Ruocco

Please note these minutes are subject to approval.