

West Haven Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
February 3, 2019
Park and Recreation Office

Meeting called to order by Comm. Coyle at 7:02pm.

Present: Comm. Coyle, Comm. Beirne, Comm. Donovan, Comm. Valaitis, Park Rec. Director Mark Paine

Absent: Comm. Tompkins

Motion set by Comm. Coyle to amend the agenda to public session. This motion was seconded by Comm. Beirne. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

Public Session: New Life Church- Dale Eisela, Augie Ruotolo, and Bill Frobel have come to address the commission with a request to set up a table and chairs. They will be handing out water bottles and pamphlets to pass byers along the boardwalk. The two dates they are requesting are March 29, 2020, and April 5, 2020 from 12-4pm.

Motion set by Comm. Beirne to amend the agenda to back to the schedule. This motion was seconded by Comm. Valaitis. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

- A. West Fest Application- Approved
- B. Apple Festival Application- Approved
- C. Bill Frobel (New Life Church) Application- This application requires no permit or approval from the commission
- D. Shoreline Sharks Applications- March 28th and May 9th requests have been approved. July 12th has been denied.

New Business:

A. Permitting Fees: Mr. Paine has requested the approval of the commission to increase the cost of the renting the picnic pavilions at Painter Park and Shingle Hill. The fee for Painter Park will go from \$100.00 to \$150.00. The cost for Shingle Hill will go from \$50.00 to \$75.00. Comm. Valaitis set a motion to approve the price increases for these rentals. Comm. Beirne seconded this motion. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

B. Portolet location and number of units/Painter Park: Mr. Paine has requested the commission's permission to request an additional handicap accessible portolet to be placed and anchored down on the concrete pad below the pavilions in Painter Park. This would accommodate the handicapped patrons from having to get up the hill to the portolet by the bathrooms on top of the hill in Painter Park. A motion was set by Comm. Valaitis back Mr. Paine's request for the additional unit for Painter Park. This motion was seconded by Comm. Beirne. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

C. Picnic Grilling: Mr. Paine has requested that the city allows renters of designated picnic areas be allowed to bring their own grills as long as they follow the rules and regulations that come along with this allowance. Comm. Coyle expresses no concern with this request, however would like the approval of the West Haven Fire Marshall in writing before the Parks Department the bringing of renters own grills is allowed. A motion was set by Comm. Valaitis to allow the renters to bring their own grills as long as they are aware and willing to follow the rules and regulations of the grilling. This motion was seconded by Comm. Beirne. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

D. Florence Monday: Argets Veteran's Event: Tabled

Maintenance:

A. Emergency/Safety lighting: Mr. Paine expresses to the commission how most the security lights outside throughout the park have been fixed and is still working on getting the rest fixed and or adding more to help light up the park more. Mr. Paine feels that completing this task will maybe cut the destruction of tables during the season and other vandalism done in Painter Park after hours.

Old Business:

A. EEE Impact on Sports: Mr. Paine states the threat was over and the sport leagues got through this unfortunate threat with no complaints and made the appropriate accommodations needed in order to keep their leagues going forward.

B. Gaga Pitt: Mr. Paine has explained that the Gaga pit has been completed. This project was completed and all supplies donated by Lowes. They reached out to Tom Conroy back in the late summer/fall about this project. They completed it within a couple of days. It is located in a shaded area for the Day Campers to be able to play and have shade at the same time. This summer was rough with the old oak tree that fell. It was a great source of shade for the kids.

C. Corn Hole Courts- Comm. Donovan updated to the commission that the corn hole court construction down on the board walk will start sometime in February/ March when the cement corn hole courts come in. The West Haven United is continuing to raise money to purchase these courts. These courts will replace the old shuffle board courts on the board walk.

D. Other: Department Budget: Mr. Paine explained how he has prepared the Park and Recreation budget and will be finishing it up soon. He has put in requests for a five year capitol plan with some being hopefully looked for immediate considerations.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Coyle, seconded by Commissioner Valaitis and carried by unanimous vote at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kerri Ruocco

Please note these minutes are subject to approval