

West Haven Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes

February 6, 2023

Park-Rec Office 7:00pm

Call Meeting to Order: Motion to call meeting to order by Comm. Coyle at 7:01pm

Present: Comm. Coyle, Comm. Beirne, Comm. Tompkins, Comm. Freel

Absent- Comm. Valaitis

Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2022-Motion set to approve minutes by Comm. Beirne. Seconded by Comm. Tompkins. Motion carried out by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

A. Other: None

New Business:

- A. Parcel I: Mr. Paine states that improvements continue down at the parcel. The plan is coming together and almost done. Waiting for the design which will be paid for by the Land Trust. The full project will not be completed until next season.
- B. Spring Sports: Kerri explains to the commission that spring sport schedules are starting to come in. With the lack of winter we have had, she is hoping that field work would be started soon. Mr. Paine expresses how he has been working with the Personnel Director about part time seasonal hires. There was talk about certain requirements were going to be mandated in order to be hired. Mr. Paine is hoping that the Personnel department will cooperate with his requests for hiring process

- C. Youth League Meeting in March- Ms. Ruocco has requested a yearly meeting with the Youth League Presidents before Spring Sports start. It helps to make sure that the leagues follow protocol when it comes to field requests and demands of what is needed. Comm. Coyle agreed to invite the League Presidents to the March meeting. Ms. Ruocco will set the meeting up.
  
- D. Other- Ken Carney: Mr. Paine explains how he spoke with Mr. Carney about a rec building. Mr. Paine explains there is money to do a design at this point. Mr. Paine explains also that there is ARPA money for replacement for two new playgrounds at Painter Park and new tennis courts. Mr. Paine will update the commission as news comes in. Mr. Paine also explains that there have been quotes for submitted to the city for new tennis courts. Mr. Paine is looking for have four tennis courts, a Pickle Ball Court, and Street Hockey Court. Comm. Tompkins explains the Nike Site Horseshoe pits are having work done this season. A shed is being placed for storage. Comm. Tompkins has requested in having the league presidents present at the March meeting to go over rules of the grounds.

Maintenance:

- A. Other: None

Old Business:

- A. Mr. Paine has expressed to the commission that fee's for renting the Painter Park Pavilions have been increased. The rental fee is \$150.00 and the refundable deposit has been increased to \$150.00. Comm. Coyle questioned if there have been any negative feedback and Mr. Paine expressed that there hasn't been at this time but will keep the commission up to date.
  
- B. Mr. Paine has expressed that the DJ's playing on the Board Walk will not be offered this through our department. Comm. Of Public Works reached out to Mr. Paine and wants to offer the DJ's the option of pulling a "Special Activities" permit with the city. This application would entitle costs to the applicant for Public Works and Police over time.

Comm. Coyle expressed that the city has an ordinance that states during the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, no city sponsored events would be held along the beach front. Mr. Coyle asked Mr. Paine to obtain this information and to present it to Comm. McCarthy. Mr. Paine will do so and update commission of outcome.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm was made by Commissioner Beirne. Motion seconded by Comm. Tompkins. Motion carried out by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kerri Ruocco

Please note these minutes are subject to approval