

West Haven Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
March 2, 2020
Park and Recreation Office

Meeting called to order by Comm. Coyle at 7:03pm.

Present: Comm. Coyle, Comm. Donovan, Comm. Valaitis, Park Rec. Director Mark Paine,
Comm. Of Public Works Tom McCarthy

Absent: Comm. Tompkins, Comm. Beirne

Motion set by Comm. Coyle to amend the agenda to public session at 7:04 pm. This motion was seconded by Comm. Valaitis. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

Public Session: Steven Johnstone of Hubbard Farm's Wood and Snow, and Councilman Barry Cohen. A presentation was given to the commission to reestablish Hubbard Park. Mr. Johnstone presented a plan that will rebuild the park in stages and will have limited to no cost to the city. Stage 1A would include: remove all garbage, clean up the main entrance from brush, plant some flowers, fix rail fence, and clean the maintenance fence for access. Stage 1B would include: Remove more brush from the front side of the bridge, clear main trail complete restoration of main trail, and complete/repair restoration of rail fence. Comm. Coyle thanked Mr. Johnstone and Councilman Cohen for their presentation and expressed that this will be discussed under new business and Mr. Paine will be in contact with them with a decision.

Motion set by Comm. Coyle to amend the agenda to back to the schedule at 7:47pm. This motion was seconded by Comm. Valaitis. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

A. Anthony Santoro: Kappa Sigma- Mr. Santoro has requested to use the West Haven Green for an event on April 18th from 10:00 am until 6:00pm. This non-profit organization will be raising money by hosting an event to honor Military Hero's. The American Legion, DAV, Wounded Warriors Foundation, Semper Fi and other associations will be there on this day as well. All proceeds will be donated to the Military Hero's Campaign. Food and drinks will be served (Food trucks, and grills will be on premises). There will be fun activities throughout the day for families to enjoy as well. Clean will be the responsibility of the Kappa Sigma organization during and after the event. Motion set by Comm. Valaitis to approve this event. This motion was seconded by Comm. Donovan. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

B. West Haven United: Halloween Event on the Green- Tabled until next meeting

C. Maria Zervos: WH Library- Has submitted a request to use the Green on June 13th to hold a Summer Reading Kickoff Faire (Fairy Tale Theme) from 8am-3pm. There will be light refreshments served, the gazebo will be used for story time performers, table set ups for crafts and summer reading sign ups. Motion set by Comm. Valaitis to approve this event. This motion was seconded by Comm. Donovan. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

D. Arshae Campbell: Loyal Companion- Ms. Campbell is the president and Founder of the Loyal Companions Animal Rescue. Ms. Campbell has requested to hold a carnival the last two weekends in July. Ms. Campbell is looking to use the same area as the Savin Rock Festival is normal held. Mr. Paine has denied this permit. The City of West Haven has an ordinance that no events are to be held down on the beach front during the time from of Memorial Day and Labor Day. Mr. Paine has notified by email Ms. Campbell of this denial as well.

E. Other: Dorinda Borer has requested the commission to look into if a proposal was brought forth of renaming Third Ave Park. Comm. Coyle has requested that Mrs. Ruocco look back into the minutes and forward any information found on this subject.

New Business:

A. Change of April Meeting Date: April meeting scheduled for April 6th has now been moved to April 13th. This change will be posted to the City Clerks' office and City of West Haven website.

B. Other: None

Maintenance:

A. With the weather being so cooperative, field maintenance has begun. Two fields have been worked on thus far, per Tom McCarthy.

B. Other: None

Old Business:

A. Florence Monday- Has requested to pull a permit to use the West Haven Green for a prayer rally on August 22nd. The time requested will be from 10am-2:30pm. Ms. Monday has done this in the past Mr. Paine as explained that there has never been an issue. Ms. Monday is a Reverend from Gateway Church in West Haven. Motion set by Comm. Valaitis to approve this event. This motion was seconded by Comm. Donovan. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

B. Other: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Coyle, seconded by Commissioner Valaitis and carried by unanimous vote at 8:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Kerri Ruocco
Please note these minutes are subject to approval