

West Haven Park and Recreation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
June 4, 2018  
Park Rec. Office

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

Present: Comm. Coyle, Comm. Tompkins, Comm. Beirne, Acting Park Rec. Director Tom Conroy, State Representative Mike DiMassa, Mayor Rossi's Advisor Tom McCarthy.

Absent: Comm. Valaitis, Comm. Donovan

Correspondence:

A. Fred Messore- UNH Is looking to use Quigley Stadium for their baseball team and other possibilities of club and intramural programs.

New Business:

A. State Grant- State Rep. Michael DiMassa presented to the commission with information about a grant that the City of West Haven has been awarded. The amount is Three hundred thousand dollars. This money is to help fix up areas of the city to make them safer, welcoming, and help keep kids off the streets and out of trouble. Acting Director Tom Conroy expressed how this grant can help make many improvements with starting at the Nike Site basketball courts. At this point they are not safe to be played on and a concern to Mr. Conroy due to his boy's basketball program starting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. DiMassa explains how there is no guarantee that this grant will be available next year. Comm. Coyle set a motion that Mr. Slater and Mr. Conroy come up with a list of areas that could use some of this money for improvements and to get the list to Mr. DiMassa. Motion seconded by Comm. Beirne. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote

B. Fred Messore- The commission has referred UNH's request for the use of Quigley Stadium to the Corp Council's office for information in regards to having a lease contract between the City of West Haven and UNH in order to use the field how they choose and to accommodate their baseball team needs for games, tournaments, etc. The commission has noted that they all support any conversations in regards to this request between the city and UNH and request to be kept updated.

C. Other- Beach Stickers (Non-resident): Mr. Slater was requested by the city to do a phone vote with the commissioners in regards to raising the fee of the beach parking permits for the car windows. The cost of the stickers now is seventy-five dollars. The city wants to raise the cost to one hundred and twenty-five dollars. All commissioners are in favor to raising the cost of the stickers and the vote was carried out by unanimous vote.

Maintenance:

A. Mr. Conroy has explained that due to city layoff's, bumping, and furlough days coming our way, there will be no maintenance being done for Painter Park where he holds the Summer Day Camp for one hundred and fifty kids for seven weeks. The concern is general park clean up, cleaning bathrooms, and regular maintenance for the fields and etc. Mr. Conroy has requested that if there will be no summer help; if a union maintenance person could be assigned to Painter Park for the seven weeks of camp. Mr. McCarthy expressed that although it is a fair request that it may be difficult to approve. Mr. McCarthy will send the request for a union maintenance person to Chief of Staff; Lou Esposito and will update the commission at the next meeting.

Old Business:

A. Budget- Mr. Conroy explained that although there is no update due to Mayor Rossi meeting with the M.A.R.B. this current week, there is no update at this time on the status of the upcoming budget.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Coyle, seconded by Commissioner Donovan and carried by unanimous vote at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kerri Ruocco

Please note these minutes are subject to approval.