

West Haven Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
October 7, 2019
Park and Recreation Office

Meeting called to order by Comm. Coyle at 7:00pm.

Present: Comm. Coyle, Comm. Beirne, Comm. Donovan, Park Rec. Acting Director Tom Conroy,

Absent: Comm. Valaitis, Comm. Tompkins

Motion set by Comm. Donovan to accept the minutes from the meeting of July 1, 2019 seconded by Comm. Beirne. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

A. None

New Business:

A. EEE Impact on Sports: Acting Director Mr. Conroy updated the commission on the EEE advisory that the state health department had sent out last week. The advisory was: the with the recent deaths of Connecticut residents due to being bit by infected mosquitoes with the EEE, any activities that are being held outside after dusk are suspended until either the first frost or further notice. This has impacted the fall sports such as: Football, Soccer, Fall Ball, etc. Arrangements have been made to make sure all games and practices are done by dusk.

B. Lowes- Mr. Conroy explains to the commission that a contact person from Lowes Stores had reached out to him and is looking to do another project for the City of West Haven again. Mr. Conroy meet with two representatives from Lowes and have determined that they will build a Gaga Dodgeball Court at Painter Park. This court will be build next to the basketball court behind the Noyes Field dug out where shade is provided. The building will start once Mr. Conroy gets all the approvals from the city.

Maintenance:

A. None

Old Business:

A. Youth Grant- Mr. Conroy updates the commission on the youth grant that St. Rep. Michael DiMassa got the city in the beginning of the year. Mr. Conroy will be using some of the money to have the Nike Site basketball courts redone. Mr. Conroy states that he had to sign the voucher for the money, so now bides will go to hire for the job. With the Grants Coordinator no longer with the city, there was a little confusion as to how to go about getting this process completed. Mr. Conroy is confident that things are heading in the right direction and looking to have more information soon.

B. Corn Hole Courts- Comm. Donovan presented to the commission that the corn hole court construction down on the board walk will start sometime in February with the cement corn hole courts come in. The West Haven United raised enough money to purchase these courts. These courts will replace the old shuffle board courts on the board walk.

C. Picnic Rules and Regulations- Mr. Conroy requested that the commission take a look at the rules and regulations for when it comes to the rental of the picnic areas. There are a few rules that could be addressed and maybe changed. Comm. Coyle has requested that the contracts and the rules be sent to the commissioners for review.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Beirne, seconded by Commissioner Donovan and carried by unanimous vote at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kerri Ruocco

Please note these minutes are subject to approval.