

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

Meeting called to order by Comm. Beirne at 7:07pm.

Present: Comm. Beirne, Comm. Valaitis, Comm. Donovan, Comm. Tompkins, Park Rec. Acting Director Margaret Ruggiero,

Absent: Comm. Coyle

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

Correspondence:

New Business:

A. Movies on the Green- Comm. Donovan presented to the Parks and Rec department a request of several dates that the West Haven United would like to hold a "Movie Night" on the Green. The Parks and Recreation department has accepted these dates with the understanding that the departments Program Coordinators Diane Dietman and Tom Conroy will be involved with these events. The commission was ok with this agreement and event schedule.

B. Painter Park Memorial Tree-Kerri Ruocco explains that in the main entrance of Painter Park (between the fields) there is a memorial tree for the Russell family in honor of Jamie Russell. That tree has become diseased and needs to be taken down. Diane Dietman, along with the tree warden Leo Kelly have reached out to the Russell family to inform them of the diseased tree and also that that city will be replacing the tree with another tree.

C. Other- Comm. Donovan expressed interest to the commission to convert the shuffle board courts into concrete Cornhole courts down at Old Grove Park. Comm. Donovan states he is still working on getting more information but will bring it to the table when all is in hand.

Maintenance:

A. Comm. Donovan states that bench at the entrance of Painter Park between the fields is broken and expresses someone can get hurt. Also, the fence on the first base side at Noyes field needs to be fixed. Kerri Ruocco will notify the Park Maintenance department with this information.

Old Business:

A. Budget-None

B. Other- Comm. Donovan wanted an update with the issue addressed by Personnel Director, Beth Sabo about Park and Recreation department employee's and the fees paid for programs for themselves and their children. Ms. Sabo has given the commission the opportunity to make the decision whether employees should pay all fees or not. Comm. Valaitis set a motion that Park and Recreation employees and their children will continue to be able to participate in any activities offered by the department at no cost as done in the past. Comm. Tompkins seconded this motion. The motion was carried out by unanimous vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Beirne, seconded by Commissioner Tompkins and carried by unanimous vote at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kerri Ruocco

Please note these minutes are subject to approval.