

West Haven Park and Recreation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 1, 2021  
Park and Recreation Office

Meeting called to order by Comm. Coyle at 7:04pm.

Present: Comm. Coyle, Comm. Beirne, Comm. Freel, Park Rec. Director Mark Paine, Councilman Donovan, Comm. Public Works Tom McCarthy. Cebi Waterfield

Absent: Comm. Tompkins, Comm. Valaitis

Approval of minutes from September 13, 2021- Motion to approve minutes set by Comm. Beirne, Seconded by Comm. Freel. Motion carried out by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

- A. Tom McCarthy and Cebi Waterfield has come to this commission looking for permission to put up some signage at Veteran's Field. The signage will be presented at a later time.

New Business:

- A. Robert Schotta Park Pass- This pass was given by a previous commission in honor of Mr. Schotta for his time and dedication to the Park and Recreation department as a director. This pass is a life time family pass that can be used at any time for anything. Comm. Beirne sets a motion to allow the family to continue to use this pass going forward. This motion was seconded by Comm. Coyle. Motion carried out by unanimous vote.
- B. Tom McCarthy and Cebi Waterfield has come to this commission looking for permission to put up some signage at Veteran's Field. The signage will be presented at a later time. Comm. Coyle sets a motion to approve the hanging of new signage at Veteran's Field at a later time. This motion was seconded by Comm. Freel. Motion carried out by unanimous vote.

Maintenance:

- A. Tom McCarthy notifies Mr. Paine and commission that the rims and backboards at the Morris Basketball Courts are finally back up and ready for use. Mr. McCarthy expresses that he has also notified the police department that the courts are now back up and running.

Old Business:

- A. Other: Mr. Paine explains how there were issues with the DJ's playing down at the boardwalk. He needed to pull the permit from the Tuesday night DJ for not following the rules of this program. Mr. Paine had to speak to this DJ numerous times prior to

pull the permit back. Comm. Coyle has asked the set up a meeting in the Spring before the season opens with the DJ's before giving the permits out. The Park and Rec Dept will also go back to using the previous contracts for the DJ's to fill out and sign making sure they understand what is expected of them.

- B. Mr. Paine expresses the huge interest of Pickle Ball to the commission. Mr. Paine states the Park and Rec office has received numerous phone calls about putting a court or two. Comm. Coyle has asked Mr. Paine to look into the cost of turning one of the tennis courts at Painter Park into a Pickle Ball court. Mr. Paine will look into the cost and bring back to the commission at a later time.
- C. Councilman Donovan notifies the commission of the park that has been found on Gilbert St. History has it that the Cerillo family gave the property to the city. Since then it has been over grown, turned into an unsafe area at this time. Councilman Donovan would like the Park and Rec and the City to find a way to get the park up and running for that neighborhood. A suggestion by Mr. Paine of turning it into a Community Garden for that area. Councilman Donovan suggested maybe asking Councilman Massaro to walk the neighborhood with him and take suggestions from the community. Councilman Donovan will come back to the commission at a later time with the results.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Coyle, seconded by Commissioner Beirne.

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