

Park and Recreation Commission Minutes

April 5, 2011
7:16 p.m.

Attendance:

Robert G. Potter, Director	Robert Neri
Joseph Schettino, Chairman (7:24 p.m.)	Robert Karcich
Harry Swaun, V. Chairman	Linda Diamond (absent)
Michael Sutyla	Bonnie Finkeldey

Guest: Carol Walters, John Scheiss, Rob Urban, John Litevich, Geraldine & Suzanne Artis, Mr. Aniskovich (WBA Group)

Mr. Swaun called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Swaun motioned to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2011 P & R Commission as submitted. Mr. Neri seconded the motion.

Vote: In Favor: Swaun, Neri, Karcich, Finkeldey
Opposed: None
Abstained: Sutyla, Schettino
The motion passed.

Mr. Schettino resumed as Chairman at 7:24 p.m.

Correspondence:

Request from Men's Senior Baseball (Rob Urban):

Requesting IRRC Baseball Field on Sundays from 9 am – 1:30 p.m., beginning May 1 through August 2011. They had some conflict with the Clinton Hounds which have already been worked out and they gave their game schedule to Lois. Mr. Sutyla motioned to approve their game schedule as amended. Mr. Karcich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Request from Clinton Lacrosse Association (John Schiess):

Requesting Peters Field #6, Peters Football Field and IRRC #2, Beginning April 1 – June 30, 2011. Field # 6: Weekdays: 4:30 pm - Dusk, Sat., 9 am – Dusk & Sun. 12 pm to Dusk. The Football field and IRRC #2 would be used for games. Mrs. Finkeldey motioned to approve the request pending submitting their game schedule to the P & R Office. Mr. Sutyla seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Linda Diamond, Liaison, Land conservation Trust Outreach Committee, Mike Sutyla, Alternate:

Nothing new to report.

Joseph Schettino, Liaison, Footbridge Committee with Frank Byrne and Larry Ouellette: Nothing new to report.

Linda Diamond, Liaison: P & Z Commission Planning Committee, West End of Route 1 Planning Effort: Nothing new to report.

Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee: Bonnie Finkeldey & Bob Karcich: Update: Mr. Karcich will look into drawing up some regulations for the Dog Park. There was some discussion about where dog owners would park in order to use the dog park and the found that there is no need to change the current dog ordinance if we can just move the entrance sign slightly back and encourage the dog owners to park in the first parking lot on the left. This would still keep the dogs out of the Peters Complex. Mr. Sutyla

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motioned to recommend that a sign, stating: Park Here for Dog Park be placed in the vicinity of the first parking lot on the left as you enter the Peters Complex and that we move our current sign, on the right hand side, as you enter the Complex, back slightly so cars can pull into the first parking lot on the left. Mrs. Finkeldey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Walters pointed out that the BOS made a motion at their May 26, 2010 meeting to designate the Hurd property for a Dog Park. Mrs. Finkeldey stated that their paperwork is at P & Z right now they will be on their April 11th agenda. They still have to contact the Police, Fire, DPW and CT River Health Depts. And all letters have to be in place. Mrs. Walters left at 7:34 p.m.

Old Business:

Action Items:

Develop Additional Field at IRRC – Cream Pot Road: We still in need the study done. The 7 acres were part of the money we received to develop this site. If it is ever taken away from us they would have to give us another parcel of land in its place.

Mr. Swaun motioned to combine Item #2 & #4 and discuss them after Item #3. Mr. Sutyla seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Field Lighting Timers: The timers are up and running. We have three Administrators; Bo Potter, Lois Ruggiero and Pete Neff. The Portable Lights are not on timers. DWP will put the lights on twice a week at no charge to soccer. Anything over that there will be a charge.

Mr. Karcich wanted to discuss the painting of the IRRC Baseball Field Dugouts. This was supposed to be done last year and it never happened. We have the Morgan Baseball Coach who is willing to do this on April 30th so we should come to some kind of a decision. Would DPW allow someone else to paint? Director – yes, they don't paint. Mr. Karcich: the Commission has no other a legions but to the Town of Clinton. Mr. Schettino stated that someone from the prevailing side of the vote from last year would have to put it back on the table for reconsideration. Mrs. Finkeldey motion to bring the painting of the IRRC dugouts back up for reconsideration. Mr. Karcich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Finkeldey motioned to paint the Dugouts Blue and White. Mr. Neri seconded the motion. Discussion: Mr. Sutyla: the IRRC Building Committee (Mr. Brochu, Mr. Scagliarini, Mr. Sutyla and Alternate, Mr. Schettino) picked the present color scheme with input from various Boards and the general public. We have the HS baseball Coach who is willing to paint the dugouts and it would be nice if we kept everything within the park the same. Mr. Swaun agrees the park colors should remain within the same color scheme.

Vote: In Favor: Neri, Finkeldey

Opposed: Karcich, Sutyla, Swaun

Abstained: Schettino

The motion failed.

Mr. Swaun motioned to paint the IRRC Dugouts the same color scheme of park. Mr. Karcich seconded the motion.

Vote: In Favor: Swaun, Sutyla, Karcich

Opposed: Neri, Finkeldey

Abstained: Schettino

The motion passed.

Geraldine & Suzanne Artis presented the Clerk with information for the Commission. The Chairman informed them that this type of information goes through the P & R Office and the Director for discussion.

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Mrs. Finkeldey motioned to move the Director's Report to the next item on the agenda. Mr. Neri seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Lupone Field: The Director met with Pete Neff, Bob Smith, & Willie Fritz. There presently 2 sets of bases on Lupone field: one set at 60 feet and one set at 65 feet. The Little League would like another set installed at 70 feet for a pilot hard ball program they would like to start. DPW has a problem with putting in another set of bases; it will be a little tricky to drag the field with 3 sets of bases. Mr. Steve Wexell: this would be a 50-70 program. It is endorsed by the Little League. It is a hardball program not a softball program. Realistically it would be an eight (8) weekend, Sundays, games. Mr. Sutyla motioned to approve the request of the Little League to install the plugs at 70 feet for the 50-70 Pilot Program on Lupone field for this year. Mr. Karcich seconded the motion.

Vote: In Favor: Sutyla, Karcich, Neri, Finkeldey

Opposed: None

Abstained: Swaun, Schettino

The motion passed.

Mr. Wexell left at 8:25 p.m.

Action Items (continued):

2. Town Beach Project: Mr. Schettino summarized the last bidding process for the concession/restroom building. We voted and recommended to go with Thompson General Contracting. Our engineer contacted both parties and when over the pricing with them. Mr. Swaun motioned to reaffirm what was stated and passed at our 11/20/10 Special Joint Meeting with the Town Beach Committee. Mr. Sutyla seconded the motion.

Vote: In Favor: Neri, Sutyla, Swaun, Schettino

Opposed: None

Abstained: Finkeldey, Karcich

The motion passed.

4. Artificial Turf Field: Mr. Aniskovich gave the Commission an update on the Turf Field:

- Topo has been done
- Sedimentation and erosion control – done
- Basins & silt fence construction limit lines established
- Layout Plan – we can go up to the following: 120 yards by 67.5 yards
 1. Field will be Handi-Cap accessible
 2. Concrete Pad under bleachers
 3. The field will be built up from the existing field
 4. Bleachers will be centered and seat 1000
- We will have Trench Draining
- We will have 20 foot high netting behind the goals at each end
- Sports: Soccer, Field Hockey, Men's & Women's Lacrosse
- Life expectancy (depends on usage) up to 15 years
- Bonding package funding: \$985,500.00
- Critical Dates: pending the vote – see sheet.

If the bonding package passes, we may want to start reviewing some of our policies.

Tape ran out at 9:20 pm

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Mr. Aniskovich left at 9:21pm

Director's Report Continued:

Field Conditions: Peters has been open; LL Fields are ready and our Soccer Fields are ready. The Skate Park is closed due to repair work. The contractor is waiting for drier/warmer weather to due the necessary repairs. The Eliot baseball field – recommended that it remain closed for a week to 10 days.

Control Link Timer System: Is up and running.

Vandalism: is basically down.

Budget: Our Lifeguards will begin on 7/1/11 and their hour will be cut back to 9am – 3 pm because we didn't get all of our money reinstated. This is if the budget passes.

Mr. Sutyla: Field #6 – has a bald spot in the middle of the field. DPW did over seed it. Bo: we will try to address this again and IRRC Field #1 also needs work.

Playgrounds: have held up well. The Town Beach playground – we had a binder put on the rubberized surface.

Skate Park: There is an epoxy we can put down on the ramps but it would cost us an additional \$2,500.00. We don't know if we will have the money to cover this cost right now. It would definitely help with the repair work we face after every winter. Concrete doesn't do well during the winter months.

Mr. Neri motioned to adjourn. Mr. Karcich seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lois A. Ruggiero,
Assistant to Director