

**TOWN OF STRATFORD
BOOTHE MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

February 25, 2014

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Employee Lounge on the lower level of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford CT, pursuant to notice duly given and posted.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m.

Presiding: Chairman Stephanie Philips

Commissioners in Attendance: D. Caserta, J. Malloy, S. Voccola, B. Burton, P. DeVitto, F. Kecko

Commissioners Absent: J. Brazzell, R. Brown, J. Connor, C. Pia, A. Scala

Others in Attendance: P. Patusky (Recreation Dept.), Student Liaison Chloe Voccola

1. **Approval of Minutes:** the Minutes of the 1/28/14 Regular Meeting were approved and accepted on a motion by S. Voccola and seconded by Joan Malloy.
2. **Financial Report:** Chairman Philips reported that the Commission's Reserve Account has a balance of \$7,000. There have been no draws on the Reserve Account since the last 2 Pumpkin Festivals have made small profits.
3. **Volunteers' Reports:**
 - a. **BMRS:** P. DeVitto reported that they have an upcoming off-site modular show at the Carolton in Fairfield, and considering plans to visit local hospitals and schools. It was also suggested that BMRS apply to the Main Street Festival, where they can also promote other events and features for Boothe Park.
 - b. **BMAS:** No report at this time.
 - c. **Rose Garden:** No report at this time.
 - d. **Friends of Boothe:** B. Burton reported that their volunteers are working on the following projects:
 - Educational programs for the spring and recruiting student volunteers;
 - Installing edging blocks
 - Placing benches in the Rose Garden
 - Roofing repairs
 - Finalizing a genealogy pamphlet
4. **Pending/Continuing Business:**
 - a. **Capital Budget:** Chairman Philips has submitted the Commission's proposal to the Town Council for consideration. She requested that Commissioners and Volunteers send her ideas for prospective projects and/or repairs to be addressed so she can take them to the Building Needs Committee.

- b. **Pumpkin Festival 2014:** Discussion regarding supplies, train ride, pie-baking contest, scarecrow-making contest, kids' activities, etc. **Motion by D. Caserta to submit a ¼-page ad to the Stratford Community Calendar to specifically solicit entrants for the pie-baking and scarecrow-making contests, seconded by P. DeVitto and passed unanimously.** S. Voccola will work on creating the ad.
 - c. **Spring Social/Open House for Town Officials:** Discussion followed regarding invitation list and sending them by E-vite; tentative dates to consider at May 7th or 14th. To be discussed further at next meeting.
5. **New Business:**
- a. **Stratford's 375th Celebration:** Discussion followed regarding ways to recognize the town's 375th celebration at the Pumpkin Festival; to be discussed further at next meeting.
 - b. **Date to remember:** Boothe Park Opening Day 5/18/14.
6. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to address or discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by P. DeVitto and seconded by J. Malloy.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Gallo
Recording Secretary