

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

September 23, 2014

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 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 7:08 p.m.

Presiding: Chairman Stephanie Philips

Commissioners in Attendance: J. Brazzell, B. Burton, P. DeVitto, F. Kecko

Commissioners Absent: D. Caserta, R. Brown, J. Connor, J. Malloy, S. Voccola, A. Scala

Others in Attendance: P. Patuskay (Recreation Dept.), Bill Dressler and John Csonka (BMRS Garden Display), Bridget Masaryk (Friends of Boothe)

1. **Approval of Minutes**: The Minutes of the 6/24/14 Regular Meeting were approved and accepted on motion by P. DeVitto and seconded by F. Kecko.
2. **Financial Report**: no report at this time.
3. **Volunteers' Reports**:
 - a. **BMRS** – P. DeVitto reported that they have submitted a manuscript and photos for a 2015 publication of CLASSIC TOY TRAINS. Holiday season schedule being worked on for modular displays at elder care facilities, hospitals, hospice and Town Hall holiday display. They were contacted by a family to set up a layout at their home for their autistic son.
 - b. **BMAS** – E. Severn absent; no report at this time.
 - c. **Rose Garden** – J. Brazzell and F. Kecko reported that all is well at the Rose Garden, and they had a float in the 375th Celebration Parade.
 - d. **Friends of Boothe** – B. Burton reported that school programs are being planned and scheduled.
 - e. **Student Volunteers Liaison** – no report at this time.
4. **Pending/Continuing Business**:
 - a. **Pumpkin Festival 10/18/2014** – Chairman Philips reported that plans are progressing on schedule and gave a few updates. Discussion followed re advertising, such as frame signs on town greens, Channel 12 ads, newspaper ads. She contacted the CT Post and a one-time ¼ page ad can be posted in all of their publications and websites for \$600. **After discussion, a motion was made by P. DeVitto to approve the ad for the CT Post publications/websites at a cost of \$600; seconded by B. Masaryk and passed unanimously.** Also, B. Masaryk volunteered to arrange for advertisement in the Stratford Patch.

- b. **Spring Social/Open House for Town Officials** – tabled to next meeting.
 - c. **BMRS Garden Railroad Display** – discussion continued from last meeting with regard to plans, permits, etc. necessary to erect the display. It was noted that detailed plans need to be submitted to Planning & Zoning (G. Lorentsen) for review and comment. B. Burton stated that the first step should be submission of plans to the Connecticut Historical Preservation Office for review and input. Her concern is that the proposed display has no connection with the Boothe Family or Park. Updates to be reported at next meeting.
 - d. **Boothe Park Rentals** - discussion continued from last meeting with regard to proposed changes in rentals/use fees for buildings and outdoor areas of the Park. P. Patusky distributed a comparison report for 2014 (Boothe Park & Short Beach), as well as the proposed changes for 2015 for review. **After discussion, a motion was made by P. DeVitto to approve the proposed changes as presented, with the following revisions: (a) Picnic Area #1 - eliminate rental accommodation for 1-50 people, and (b) Meeting Hourly Rates - \$30/hour for Resident and \$50/hour for Non-Resident; seconded by F. Kecko and passed unanimously.**
5. **New Business:** none at this time.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014.

6. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. on a motion by P. DeVitto and seconded by B. Masaryk.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Gallo
Recording Secretary