

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

February 24, 2015

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 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.

Presiding: Chairman Stephanie Philips

Commissioners in Attendance: D. Caserta, P. DeVitto, F. Kecko

Commissioners Absent: J. Brazzell, R. Brown, B. Burton, J. Connor, J. Malloy, S. Voccola, A. Scala

Others in Attendance: P. Patusky (Recreation Dept.)

We welcome to our meeting this evening 2 Boy Scouts from Troop 177 (Alex Cronin and Daniel Krekoska, along with their leader Lucie Coccoli). One of their projects is to attend a municipal committee/commission meeting and report on their impressions/opinions of same.

THERE BEING NO QUORUM PRESENT, THE MEETING PROCEEDED WITH DISCUSSIONS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Tabled to next meeting.
2. **Financial Report:** Chairman Philips gave a brief report on the 2014 Pumpkin Festival. The event was very successful again this year with a positive cash flow. The Recreation Department involvement included some paid staff for which there are no budgeted funds, and it was suggested that the Recreation Department be reimbursed for their additional costs of approximately \$800 - \$1,000. This matter will be tabled and addressed at the next meeting. Some pre-commitments are already at \$3,000 off the top of the budgeted funds. There will also be some new events/attractions for 2015. Chairman Philips also recommended that some of the monies be reinvested in the Park in addition to the upcoming expenses.
3. **Volunteers' Reports:**
 - a. **BMRS** – P. DeVitto reported on the following:
 - They would like to share space again with the Commission at the Main Street Festival on 6/6/15, and contribute one-half of the cost.
 - BMRS will be included in the spring edition of the “Classic Toy Trains” publication (article, photos and manuscript).
 - BMRS built and will install a model layout at the home of an autistic teen in Shelton.
 - BMRS members would like to thank Chairman Philips and the Commission for their involvement in obtaining the town zoning and state Historical Commission approval of the plans for a Garden Railroad Display at the site of the Train Museum. They are currently filing for 501(c)3 status.
 - b. **BMAS** – no report at this time.

- c. **Rose Garden** – Frank Kecko reported that the Rose Garden is “at rest” and all is well.
 - d. **Friends of Boothe** –no report at this time.
 - e. **Student Volunteers Liaison** – no report at this time.
4. **Pending/Continuing Business:**
- a. **BMRS Garden Railroad Display** – previously discussed.
 - b. **Spring Social/Open House for Town Officials** – tabled to next meeting.
5. **New Business - Chairman Philips reported on the following:**
- a. **Stratford Rotary Club** (a civic organization that supports community projects in town and internationally) presently holds their meetings at Oronoque Village, and are interested in changing the location to Boothe Park. The BMPC volunteer groups (Friends of Boothe, Rose Garden, Railway Society, Astronomical Society, Student Volunteers) would be invited to attend from time to time. Their monthly meetings are on Tuesday at 12:00 noon. To be addressed at next meeting.
 - b. **Maintenance Updates/Work at Park:** painting and repairs to a number of the buildings at the Park are almost completed (e.g., Clock Tower, Blacksmith Building, Cottage). Electricity and water supply have been installed at Pavilions 2 and 3.
 - c. **Art Display at Park:** Stratford BOE art teachers are sponsoring a program called “Share a Chair” where students will decorate and display Adirondack chairs for auction (proceeds to benefit scholarship funds). Suggestion made to display one of the chairs at Boothe Park. To be addressed at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015.

6. There being no further discussions or reports, the meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Gallo
Recording Secretary