

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

MAY 26, 2015

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 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.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding: Chairman Stephanie Philips

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

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

Others in Attendance: P. Patusky (Recreation Dept.), E. Severn (BMAS)

Chairman Philips opened the meeting and declared a quorum was present.

1. **Approval of Minutes**: The Minutes of the 3/24/15 Regular Meeting were approved and accepted on a motion by D. Caserta, seconded by P. DeVitto and passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report**: No report at this time.
3. **Volunteers' Reports**:
 - a. **BMRS** - P. DeVitto reported that BMRS has a layout in the CLASSIC TOY TRAINS summer issue. They have received their 501(c)3 status. Will begin soliciting funds for the Garden Railroad Display, and exploring ideas for participation in local events.
 - b. **BMAS** - E. Severn reported that the new scope has been mounted (still needs a piece and adjustments) and will be operational this July. There are also indoor displays and other items for viewing. Trees blocking views are still a problem - they will be marked for removal. Chairman Philips reported that Public Works will be paying the electric bills for the Observatory. They are planning a project with a team of students from Shelton High School to update the new scope so it can be computer-operated.
 - c. **Rose Garden** - F. Kecko reported that blooms should be out within 1-2 weeks. They lost 12 plants to the severe winter weather. There has been an issue with the Public Works Department on the treatment spraying schedule - cannot easily contact the worker and his supervisor. Chairman Philips reported that BMPC will pay \$500 toward an order of mulch.
 - d. **Friends of Boothe** - B. Burton reported that the school programs are winding down and have been very successful. The Open House was very well attended. Pending repairs and work are ongoing. Chairman Philips noted it needs to be established and made clear that the grill is to stay on site for use in the Pavilions.
 - e. **Student Volunteers** - no report at this time.
4. **Pending/Continuing Business**:
 - a. **Social/Open House for Town Officials** - It remains difficult to schedule a date; to be discussed further at next meeting.

5. **New Business:**
 - a. **Pumpkin Festival 2015** - Publication information will be available at the September meeting. Discussion followed with updates on reservations, baked goods from Donut Crazy, advertising venues, transportation shuttles, Beardsley Zoo shows.
 - b. **Main Street Festival** - BMRS will have handouts available at their display for Pumpkin Festival events.
6. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by P. DeVitto, seconded by D. Caserta and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Gallo, Recording Secretary