

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

AUGUST 25, 2015

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, AUGUST 25, 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: R. Brown, B. Burton, D. Caserta, P. DeVitto, F. Kecko

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

Others in Attendance: R. Betts and R. Giuliani of the Radio Club

Chairman Philips welcomed members from the Radio Club - Robert Betts and Robert Giuliani. They will be added to the monthly agendas. Brief discussion of issue with a large pine tree encroaching on wires near the building. To be addressed further with the Public Works Dept.

1. **Approval of Minutes**: The Minutes of the 5/26/15 Regular Meeting were approved and accepted on a motion by P. DeVitto, seconded by R. Brown and passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report**: Chairman Philips distributed copies of reports for Actual Profit & Loss 7/2014 through 6/2015, and Profit & Loss Budget Overview 7/2015 through 6/2016. Review and discussion of same followed. Proposed new features for the Pumpkin Festival are a Falconer, Animal Embassy Program, and Beardsley Zoo Mobile. **Motion by B. Burton to accept and approve the additional features for the Pumpkin Festival as discussed, seconded by R. Brown and passed unanimously.**
3. **Volunteers' Reports**:
 - a. **BMRS** - P. DeVitto reported that BMRS' 501c3 status has been established; Nikoloc paving stones valued at \$6,000 have been donated for the Garden Railroad Display (they have been in contact with the Building Dept. and Planning & Zoning to target the area for blocking before winter); will be soliciting donations from Rotary and the Stratford Community Fund; plans to be made to conduct a tour for a group of 3rd and 4th grade girls.
 - b. **BMAS** - no official report at this time. Chairman Philips reported that some of the problem trees have been removed, but not the important ones.
 - c. **Rose Garden** - F. Kecko reported that the Sunken Garden needs some masonry work - stones need to be replaced due to water seepage and winter wear. The locust, cherry and willow trees have been trimmed.
 - d. **Friends of Boothe** - B. Burton reported that there have been a few problems with visitors causing damage.
 - e. **Student Volunteers** - no report at this time.
4. **Pending/Continuing Business**:
 - a. **Pumpkin Festival 2015** - discussion and review of status on contests, prizes, special activities/features, food/baked goods, and advertising.

5. **New Business:**

- a. Chairman Philips requested that the Commissioners & Volunteers submit ideas for ways to direct funding toward new projects and/or improvements at the Park. To be further discussed.
6. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by R. Brown, seconded by P. DeVitto and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Gallo, Recording Secretary