

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

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Regular Meeting on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016** 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 7:10 p.m.

Presiding: Chairperson Stephanie Philips

Members in Attendance: B. Burton, D. Caserta, P. Mollica, R. Neri, P. DeVitto-Alternate, F. Kecko-Alternate

Members Absent: Council Member T. Manus, R. Brown, A. Scala, E. Severn-Alternate, A. Hosa-Alternate

Council Members in Attendance: J. Vincent Chase

Others in Attendance: P. Patusky- Recreation Dept.

At this time, Chairman Philips introduced and welcomed new Members to the Commission: Paula Mollica and Rosanne Neri.

1. **Approval of Minutes**: The Minutes of the 4/20/2016 Regular Meeting were approved and accepted on a Motion by D. Caserta, seconded by F. Kecko and approved unanimously.
2. **Financial Report**: No formal report presented. Chairman Philips briefly reported that the Town Council passed the Budget and approved \$6800 for Boothe Park Commission.
3. **Pending/Continuing Business**:
 - a. **Pumpkin Festival 2016**: Chairman Philips reported on the confirmed arrangements and contracts made for Saturday 10/15/2016 from 1pm – 5pm. Review and discussion followed
4. **Volunteers' Reports**:
 - a. **Boothe Memorial Railway Society**: Council Member Chase reported that tree trimming and cutting has been scheduled by PWD; and P. DeVitto reported that he will review with PWD the Garden Railway Display electrical connections, gravel/fill/topsoil to be installed; a copy of the Classic Trains Magazine article featuring the Train Museum has been framed and presented to the Mayor's Office; and their annual display at the Main Street Festival was very popular.
 - b. **Astronomical Society**: Councilman Chase reported that the new metal door and new locks have been installed on the Observatory building.
 - c. **Rose Garden**: F. Kecko reported that new benches have been placed in the Rose Garden.
 - d. **Amateur Radio Club**: No report at this time.

- e. **Friends of Boothe Park:** B. Burton reported that their volunteers have built 4 new benches for the Park. A suggestion was made to ask the Eagle Scout who built the Aviary to take on a project to paint the Observatory Building.
 - f. **Student Volunteers: No report at this time.**
5. **New Business:**
- a. Recreation Department: P. Patusky distributed copies of the July 2016 rentals scheduled at the Park.
 - b. Council Member Chase inquired if there is an asset inventory for the Park and was told by B. Burton that the Friends of Boothe Park have one already prepared since all assets are insured by the controlling bank and partially by the Town.
 - c. Chairman Philips reported that the Coliseum Building Kitchen grill & stove need a major cleaning, and she will contact PWD to take care of it.
 - d. Chairman Philips and B. Burton reported on the proposed submission of an application by the Friends of Boothe Park to CT Dept. of Economic & Community Development for the Good To Great Grant Program for \$100,000. If approved, the Grant would provide funding for the conversion of the Barn to rehab and remodel the interior for reuse as a Visitors & Education Center. After brief discussion, a ***Motion was made by D. Caserta and seconded by F. Kecko to forward a favorable recommendation to the Town Council for this Grant application, and passed unanimously.***
6. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to present or discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. on a motion by P. DeVitto, seconded by Council Member Chase and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Gallo, Recording Secretary