

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

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Regular Meeting on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 7:00 p.m.

Presiding: Chairperson Stephanie Philips

In Attendance: Donna Caserta, Paula Mollica, Paul DeVitto-Alternate, Frank Kecko-Alternate, Roseanne Neri, Richard Brown, Elliot Severn-Alternate

Absent: Bessie Burton, Anna Scala, Adam Hosa-Alternate, Councilperson Tina Manus

Council Members in Attendance: J. Vincent Chase, Scott Farrington-Posner

Others in Attendance: Pat Patusky (Recreation Dept.), Robert Giuliani (ARC)

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the 9/28/16 Special Meeting were approved and accepted on a Motion by Councilman Vincent Chase, seconded by Paul DeVitto, and passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report:** Chairperson Philips distributed a to-date Budget Report focusing on the 10/15/2016 Pumpkin Festival and showing a net income of \$3,573.69. An updated final Budget Report will be submitted after all bills and receipts are received. After review and discussion, a **Motion was made by Richard Brown to accept the preliminary Budget Report as presented, seconded by Paul DeVitto and passed unanimously.** After brief discussion, a **Motion was made by Richard Brown to approve the allocation of \$1,000.00 to the Recreation Department for staffing; seconded by Donna Caserta and passed unanimously.** Chairperson Philips thanked all who volunteered and worked to make it another very successful event. Brief review and discussion of attractions, activities, food, etc.
3. **Pending/Continuing Business:**
  - a. **Request to consider proposed site for the Stratford Dog Park within Boothe Park** (Present on behalf of the Stratford Dog Park Action Committee/Subcommittee are John Rich, Bob Jaekle, Paula Lockshier, Danielle Stella, Rachel Solveira, Sean Haubert, Pat Patusky.  
John Rich reported that 4 prospective locations have been identified (Short Beach, Roosevelt Forest, Longbrook Park and Boothe Park). He introduced Paula Lockshier (President of Stratford Dog Park Action Committee) who is working with the town assisting them in choosing a location. She made a detailed presentation showing the specific location they are interested in for the Dog Park and what would be involved in creating it.  
At the completion of the presentation Chairperson Stephanie Philips asked for comments, concerns or questions from the BMPC Commissioners and other Members present. It was noted that the Friends of Boothe need to address the proposal and issues associated with same. The Boothe Park deed and family Will are to be reviewed by the

Town Attorney's Office for any conditions or restrictions, as well as the State/Federal Historical Society for their input. Chairperson Stephanie Philips asked the BMPC Commissioners and other Members how many would consider the proposal positively: 5 yes, 2 no.

4. **Volunteers' Reports:** No reports at this time; tabled to next meeting.
  - a. **Boothe Memorial Railway Society**
  - b. **Boothe Memorial Astronomical Society**
  - c. **Boothe Memorial Rose Garden**
  - d. **Boothe Memorial Amateur Radio Club**
  - e. **Friends of Boothe Park**
  - f. **Student Volunteers**
  
5. **New Business:**
  - a. Bob Jaekle (Subcommittee member of the Stratford Dog Park Action Committee) asked if his family could reclaim for his family the Rotary Club memorial stone placed in honor of this grandfather, John Jaekle, near the playground area at Boothe Park. After brief discussion, a **Motion was made by Richard Brown to approve the removal of the John Jaekle memorial stone from Boothe Park and given to the family, seconded by Paula Mollica and passed unanimously.**
  
6. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to present or discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. on a motion by Paul DeVitto, seconded by Richard Brown and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Gallo*, Recording Secretary