

MINUTES OF MEETING

Longbrook Park Commission

January 28, 2015

The Longbrook Park Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:06 p.m.

PRESIDING: Chairman Matthew Catalano

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Council members Matthew Catalano and Gavin Forrester, electorate members Jon Merriam and James McGuire.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Resident/Guest Mark Dumas

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - regularly scheduled meeting of Sept. 24, 2014. — A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. McGUIRE, SECONDED BY MR. MERRIAM TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. CELL TOWER — In June of 2014, the Town Council voted to enter into an agreement with AT&T to place a cell tower in Longbrook park for a fee of approx. \$25,000.00 per year. It was, at that time, reported that the tower already existed. The State of CT sitting counsel (State agency) recently notified all abutting property owners of the tower. The tower is about 40 feet from the brook. An area of the park must be torn up to increase the size of the tower. Questions arose as to: has the lease with the town and AT&T already been finalized, why it was placed in a town park, can it be moved to the Police Station property.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER SECONDED BY MR. McGUIRE TO REFER THE REQUEST TO TOWN COUNCIL WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO LOOK FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR THE TOWER, WITH CONSIDERATION FOR THE POLICE DEPT. PROPERTY WHICH IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY. THE MOTION PASSED 4 TO 0.

4. CAPITAL PLAN 2015

The Commission will schedule a park “walk-through” when the weather permits to identify projects for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Plan. It was noted that the sprinkler pad will be installed. Chairman Catalano will check on remaining CIP funds.

The proposed temporary portable ice rink was stricken from the Town Council agenda with encouragement to the Wilcoxson School Fathers Club to resubmit plans in June. It was planned for the practice field. The proposed ice skating rink was to be used without a generator.

5. FRIENDS OF LONGBROOK — Ms. Bard is the administrator of the “Friends of Longbrook” Facebook page.

6. OLD BUSINESS — None.

7. NEW BUSINESS — Commission members and expiration/appointments dates of commissioners was discussed. Mr. Roger Salls expressed an interest in Commission membership.

8. ADJOURNMENT – Hearing no other business, Mr. Catalano called for a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FORRESTER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Cabral - Secretary