

# Longbrook Park Commission

July 6, 2016

The Longbrook Park Commission held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, Main Street, Stratford, Ct.

**Members Present:** Chairman M. Antezzo, B. Daponte, J. Merriam, R. Salls

**Also Present:** J. Rich, Ms. Lockshier

**Members Absent:** P. Young, J. McGuire, K. Bard

**Alternates:**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Antezzo called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**Old Business:**

- A. Park Maintenance** – Ms. Antezzo noted there are lights out on the paddleball court at Longbrook Park. Questioned what time gates for court are locked.
- B. Misuse of Penders Field and signage regarding use of field** – Ms. Antezzo referred to the motion passed by the Parks & Recreation Committee to recommend to the Town Council that Penders Field be locked due to vandalism and “No Trespassing” and “Permit Only” signage be posted.
- C. Recommendation to Town Council for Capital Improvement Plan** – Mr. Merriam informed the Commission that former Chairman M. Catalano had mentioned to him that approximately \$35K was left over from masonry at park. Ms. Antezzo will check CIP and speak to Mr. Catalano.
- D. Status of Wilcoxson Fathers Club temporary ice rink proposal** – Chairman Antezzo informed the members that she has been trying to reach out to someone from the Fathers Club to let them know they have to come forward shortly if they want rink for this season. Commissioners discussed maintenance, times of usage, fencing around the rink and liability. Referred to site plan and discussed position of rink.

**New Business:**

- A. Comparisons with Short Beach Commission and Boothe Park Commission** – Commissioners arrived at a concensus that more people have to be recruited for the Longbrook Park Commission.
- B. Dog Park** – Mr. Merriam noted previously it was stated that people in the vicinity of Longbrook Park did not want a dog park. He believes every other location was vetted but this one. Ms. Antezzo reiterated that the Parks & Recreation Committee

has forwarded a recommendation to the Town Council that the dog park be located adjacent to the animal control facility. Mr. Merriam is also concerned that the Parks & Recreation Committee recommended that more money than was needed was recommended to complete this project. Ms. Daponte suggested that the recommendation to send Longbrook Park to the Town Council as a location for the dog park be postponed for one (1) month to have community outreach to see if there is support or opposition for this location. It was suggested that the Town Council table the animal control facility area for location of dog park. Ms. Daponte suggested a motion recommending the dog park be located at Longbrook Park and sent to the Town Council for next months agenda.

**Mr. Merriam made a motion to include Dog Park under New Business in next months agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Salls. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Merriam made a motion to request that the Town Council table the Parks and Receptions' submitted location at the animal control facility for the dog park. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daponte. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Seeing no other business to discuss, Ms. Daponte made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Merriam. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

Respectively Submitted,

Gail DeCilio