

MINUTES OF MEETING

Longbrook Park Commission

August 1, 2016

The Longbrook Park Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 1, 2016 in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 p.m.

PRESIDING: Chairman Marianne Antezzo

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Council members Marianne Antezzo and Beth Daponte (substitute for Philip Young), electorate members Jon Merriam, James McGuire, Kalyn Bard and Roger Salls.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Council member Tina Manus, Zoning Commissioner Scott Farrington-Posner, Parks and Recreation Committee member and Dog Park Subcommittee representative Bob Jaekle, Animal Control Officer Rachel Solveira, Wilcoxson School Fathers Club representative Kayne Bosma

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED DURING MEETING — Wilcoxson Fathers Club 2015/2016 Ice Skating Rink (proposal)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - regularly scheduled meeting of July 6, 2016. — A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DAPONTE, SECONDED BY MR. McGUIRE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Park Maintenance — The following issues were discussed: Lighting and tennis and paddle courts, leaves at the lower pond were not cleaned/removed as previously suggested, poor drainage at the end of Brewster Street, Laughlin Rd./Brewster St – Walkway is ripped up. Mr. Salls will organize a park walk for Commissioner to assess conditions. He will report back at a future meeting.
- b. Misuse of Penders Field and signage regarding use of field. It was said at one time that the field was closed. There is no signage indicating that a permit for use of the field is needed.
- c. Recommendation to Town Council for Capital Improvement Plan. There are funds from last year for the ice skating rink. Currently there are only stairs from upper to lower pond, a ramp is needed.
- d. Status of Wilcoxson Fathers Club temporary ice rink proposal. The Fathers Club is proposing to build a seasonal temporary ice skating rink located on the practice field to be constructed after Thanksgiving and removed before the start of the spring sports.

Previous conversation with Planning committee and parks commission: Town would manage rink renting-nominal fee if any, club would handle cleaning of the ice with support from town as available, who maintains liability insurance and costs of liability.

Discussed: Town is responsible for construction and management and maintenance and liability; plywood walls of rink, not to be erected on clay courts, parking, usage by residents and non-residents, availability of hot water spigot, Home Depot will donate time and effort, would be constructed away from sledding paths.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Dog Park — A subcommittee for exploration of a Dog Park was set up by the Parks and Recreation Committee. After subcommittee gathers initial information, proper feedback and review will be provided to the Longbrook Park Commission. Mr. Jaekle is setting up a Facebook page called “Stratford Dog Park Subcommittee”. The group will seek a list of town-owned properties.

5. ADJOURNMENT – Hearing no other business, Ms. Antezzo called for a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DAPONTE, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Cabral - Secretary