

MINUTES OF MEETING

Longbrook Park Commission

November 7, 2016

The Longbrook Park Commission conducted a meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016 in Council chambers of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

PRESIDING: Chairman Scott Farrington-Posner

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Council members Scott Farrington-Posner, Marianne Antezzo and Tina Manus (as substitute for Philip Young), electorate members Kaylin Bard and Roger Salls.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE — Council members Gregory Cann and Alan Llewelyn, Supt. of Recreation Patricia Patusky, Animal control officer Rachel Solveira, Asst. Town Attorney John Florek, Dog park subcommittee co-chair John Rich, President of Wilcoxson School Fathers Club Kayne Bosma, Dog Park subcommittee and Short Beach Commission member Bob Jaekle, STARS representative Danielle Estella

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED DURING MEETING — 2 Longbrook Park maps for possible Dog Park sites — submitted by John Rich

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Park Maintenance Report — Ms. Antezzo reported that the shrubs that were lodged in the drain have been removed. Paddle ball court – the lights are set for 5:45. The Park is relatively clean. Mr. Salls reported that people are on the field at all hours. The signage that was previously voted upon has not been put up. Ms. Manus questioned when the net that will prevent gaming balls from breaking area windows will be erected.
- b. Status of Wilcoxson School Fathers' Club temporary ice rink proposal. — Mr. Florek presented an overview of proposal referencing scheduling, size of rink, fencing, liability, insurance policies, suggestion to accept the donation and take on as a town project. Discussion went on re: review of other sites for the rink, keeping costs low, fencing, maintenance of rink and ice surface, security and other payroll costs, water supply and electricity. The project was previously approved by Council without definitive costs. Comparison was made to Ansonia's Rink and the value of a rink as an economic driver. The Wilcoxson Schools Father club was willing to donate time for clearing and ice maintenance. The original estimate was \$70,000 to \$90,000

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. ANTEZZO, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO REFER TO TOWN COUNCIL WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION A REQUEST TO PROVIDE A COST ESTIMATE FOR THE RINK ITEMS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Questions and concerns to Dir. Of Public Works

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS SECONDED BY MR. SALLS TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ITEM ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Dog Park Subcommittee presentation — Mr. Rich has been presenting the concept and plan to other committees that oversee other potential locations. The final site will ultimately be decided by the Town Council. His overview mentioned gate control key-card system for Stratford residents that have licensed and registered their dogs. After the park has been established for some time, it may be possible to charge non-residents a fee for a key-card providing they have registered dogs as well. Discussed/questions/concerns: locations identified in Longbrook Park, size of the proposed dog park, parking, other simultaneous activities taking place at the park, safety and security, neighboring residents opposing a dog park. Liability - Mr. Rich said that liability is the dog owners' responsibility. Pathways/walkways, maintenance, town's liability if damage to park and/or equipment, maintenance, assembly price/cost, fund raising, procuring grants, deed restrictions, a park within a park, garbage pickup, concrete surface vs. grass or natural surface. Mr. Rich will e-mail the power point presentation to Chairman Farrington-Posner.

4. ADJOURNMENT – Hearing no other business, Mr. Farrington-Posner called for a motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. ANTEZZO SECONDED BY MR. SALLS AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Cabral - Secretary