

Short Beach Commission

May 4, 2015

The Stratford Short Beach Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting as duly posted on Monday May 4, 2015 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, Stratford, CT

Members Present: Councilman Poisson, S. Barksdale, K. Daden, Councilman Santi, B Jaekle, R. Barry

Others Present: B. Szymanski, C. Esposito, Robert Fraioli

Members Absent: Councilman Massey, P. Pulaski

Call to Order: In the absence of Chairman Massey, Councilman Poisson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Santi made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2014 . The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously.

Complex Superintendent Report: Mr. Esposito reported sports have started, golf course survived the winter and is in good condition - in the process of getting everything ready for summer. The dedicated roadside cutter will arrive around the end of May. Concession stand bid was awarded and the Town Attorney is now in the process of working with the contractor. Mr. Esposito was approached by a resident as to the procedure of installing a dedication bench in the area of Wayne's Walk.

Golf Course Sub-Committee Report:

- A. Course Superintendent** – Mr. Szymanski noted course is up and running – the irrigation system has been repaired and turned on – in process of edging bunkers. Bocci Ball court bid awarded and Mr. Esposito will be meeting with the representative tomorrow. Mr. Esposito discussed the ticket booth location and gating which should be complete within the next couple of weeks. Discussed parking space lines.
- B. Restaurant** – Ms. Daden had a meeting last week with the Mayor and representatives. She distributed and reviewed the site plan for the restaurant. Discussion of the new RFP ensued. Mr. McCarthy noted the

Public Works Department is doing the structural work and the opening time-line is July.

Golf Pro Report:

Mr. Fraiolo reported course opened Easter weekend. He has started an email list and has met with a representative from Sky Caddy, a GPS course company. Outings are picking up and has had no push back on the raising of the fees. Committee members discussed the road closure and the detour signage. Mr. Fraiolo has brought back four (4) employees and is in the process of interviewing potential part-time employees.

Mr. Esposito discussed the proposal made by WEBE108 – bartering golf rounds for air time. **Councilman Santi made a motion to approve up to \$2,000 in bartering of rounds of golf for air time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously.**

Beach Sub-Committee Report: Ms. Daden reported a group of Lordship PTA members would like to form “Friends of Short Beach” – these volunteers would be working to do movie nights, cleaning and other activities. Mr. Jaekle discussed having a designated area for sports equipment and the utilization of these volunteers.

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Report: Mr. Barksdale noted since there has not been a meeting since November the Strategic Plan is somewhat obsolete. Committee members discussed items which need attention including irrigation system and skateboard park. Ms. Daden noted there may be a donor to finance the skateboard park. Committee members agreed to take a step back and make a more logical approach to the strategic plan.

Other Business – Councilman Poisson informed the committee that Parks & Recreation and the Town Council have approved a plan to turn the Lacrosse field at Short Beach into two (2) soccer fields and have the lacrosse field moved to Second Hill Lane.

Mr. Fraiolo, in response to Councilman Poisson’s inquiry, noted there are Junior Clinics which give one hour lessons, private lessons of ½ hour to 1 hour are available and semi-private lessons are also available. Information available on web site – go to **active** link.

Resident, J. Budai, 173 Woodcrest Avenue, commented on the construction of the skatepark.

There being no further items to discuss Councilman Santi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Gail DeCilio