

Minutes of Short Beach Commission meeting

June 1, 2015

The Stratford Short Beach Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting as duly posted on Monday June 1, 2015 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, Stratford, CT

I. **Call to Order:** Councilman Santi called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members Present: Councilman J. Santi, Electorate members S. Barksdale, K. Daden, P. Pulaski, R. Barry

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

Members Absent: Councilmen Massey and Poisson, Electorate member R. Jaekle

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Daden made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barry and carried unanimously.

III. **Complex Superintendent Report:** Mr. Esposito reviewed the previously distributed rounds report attachment comparing statistics from April 2014 to April 2015. He said everything has increased. Questions were posed to Mr. Esposito re: moving of the ticket booth. Irrigation system will be implemented. A consultant company will investigate if any hazardous waste is present. Bocce ball courts will be available soon.

IV. **Golf Course Sub-Committee Report:**

A. Course Superintendent – Mr. Szymanski stated that the course has a regular maintenance program, the garage was painted grey. The sand mix is coming.

B. Restaurant – The restaurant is moving forward.

V. **Golf Pro Report:** — Mr. Fraioli reported. 2 tournaments were scheduled in April: Bunnell and Stratford Old Timers. Implementing a Facebook page and twitter page is in process. Working with Chad on WEBE 108. An advertisement was taken out in the Stratford Community Newspaper. The rate/fee was increased for non-residents but the price is still competitive.

VI. **Beach Sub-Committee Report:** Ms. Daden reported. A group formed, initially started by Mr. Jaekle, “Friends of Short Beach” on Facebook. These volunteers are considering movie nights, cleaning and other activities. Ms. Daden

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discussed designating an area for a “Yak rack” – a place to temporarily store a kayak, canoe or small boat. Also discussed were plans and specifications, liability and funding for a rack. Since Beach passes/vehicle stickers will no longer be sold at the entrance booth and all purchases must go to the Recreation Department at the Birdseye Complex, Ms. Daden suggested a sign at the ticket booth furnishing Birdseye Complex contact information.

VII. **Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Report:** Mr. Barksdale distributed a report which included: Short Beach purposes and objectives, plan objective, executive summary, summary of project, and strategic plan schedule. He discussed project time line, project priorities.

Additional discussion included: (1) renovation of the tennis courts at a cost-estimate of \$1.6 million. The courts were built on sand. There will be 6 courts. (2) Poor maintenance and liability of Skate Park. Mr. Esposito said the out-sourced maintenance service provider will be notified.

VIII. **Other Business** — None

IX. **Adjournment** — There being no further items to discuss, Councilman Santi entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Daden and seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cabral