

March 7, 2016

Short Beach Commission Meeting

The Stratford Short Beach Commission held a meeting as duly posted on Monday March 7, 2016 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, Stratford, CT

I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Llewelyn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Councilman A. Llewelyn, S. Barksdale, K. Daden, R. Jaekle

Others Present: C. Esposito, Parks Superintendent, Councilwoman B. Daponte

Members Absent: P. Pulaski

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Jaekle made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barksdale and carried unanimously.

Mr. Jaekle made a motion to take a portion of Friends of Short Beach out of order. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried 4-1 with Ms. Daponte in opposition. Mr. Jaekle introduced Matt Allen, Eagle Scout, who is proposing to take on the project of rebuilding grill at Short Beach in conjunction with Julian Enterprises who will be supplying the necessary supplies. Mr. Jaekle noted there is no schematic of the original layout. Mr. Esposito and Mr. McCarthy will coordinate with Eagle Scouts to sign off on the project. Early summer start is anticipated. **Mr. Jaekle made a motion to accept the project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously.**

Larry Scinto, who has been involved in scouting for a number of years, discussed the area between pavilions 2 & 3 to be used as a scouting campground. Discussion ensued on liability, permit and reservations for overnight camping. **Mr. Jaekle made a motion to send to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation to allow area between pavilions 2 & 3 be used as overnight camping for area scout troops. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Daponte made a motion to take Restaurant Contract out of order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Daponte informed the Commission that a “sub-committee” has been formed to

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review fair market terms of the property. She noted that there cannot be a multi-year lease of this property without receiving fair rental. If terms cannot be negotiated will market property. She has had attorney's research fair market value of this property. It was noted that the Short Beach Golf Course requires an additional revenue stream.

Ms. Daponte left at 6:52 p.m.

Mr. Jaekle noted they have been waiting for this project for a long time. Mr. Llewelyn suggested the Commissioners send him an email with their concerns and he will forward this to the Mayor and Town Council. He will also request a timetable be established for this project.

Recess: 6:55 p.m.

Reconvene: 7:07 p.m.

III. **Revenue Streams into Short Beach Complex** – Ms. Daden noted the new CAO is putting together a line item budget for the next Short Beach meeting.

IV. **Golf Course Committee Report:**

- A. **Course Superintendent** – Mr. Esposito reported the course will open on March 25th.
- B. **Restaurant** - Taken out of order see above
- C. **Marketing of Golf Course** – Mr. Esposito distributed and reviewed foreUP information booklet. Noted the software now being used is not user friendly and can become costly. foreUP cost is \$3,900 per year including updates and marketing. This software can be up and running within five (5) days.

V. **Beach Committee Report**

A. **Change of Ordinance for Pavilion Rentals** – Mr. Jaekle reported that the Parks & Recreation Department has a policy that everyone pays \$20 for pavilion rental parking. Discussion ensued on the procedure to change Ordinance. **Ms. Daden made a motion to send to the Town Council and Ordinance Committee with a favorable recommendation that residents and non-residents be able to purchase up to ten (10) parking passes with pavilion rentals at one-half (1/2) the**

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cost. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Digital Sign at entrance to Park – Ms. Daden discussed signage in other Town's.

C. Bocci Ball Courts –

1. Scouts will help build ball holders and benches for community service hours.

2. Shuffleboard courts need repair and painting. Mr. Esposito will put this out to bid.

D. Friends of Short Beach –

1. **501© 3 Status** – Mr. Jaekle distributed and reviewed Season Update Summary and photograph of kayak poles. Three poles will be installed at Wayne's Walk and three will be installed near proposed scout camp. Attorney Jacksons' office is working on this pro-bono. Mr. Jaekle would still like Friends of Short Beach to be a sub-committee within the Short Beach Commission.

2. **Kiosk** – Information will be cleared with Mr. Esposito.

3. **Schedule for Summer Activities** – Distributed to members.

4. **Fundraising Efforts to Date** – None

New Business:

1. **Appointment of Commissioners** – Reported Sean Haubert submitted a resume to be a member of the Short Beach Commission. As far as Chairman Llewelyn is concerned, Mr. Barksdale will continue to be a member of the Short Beach Commission. It was noted that historically Councilperson from District #1 sits on this Commission and if this is not feasible another council person should be appointed. Counsel member appointed should attend meetings in their entirety and refrain from using electronic devices during said meetings.

2. **Permitting Process for Athletic Field Usage** – Mr. Jaekle reported this was discussed during the last Parks & Recreation meeting. Submitting rosters seems to be an unenforced policy. **Mr. Jaekle made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. **New point of sale system** – This item was taken out of order. See above

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Chairman Llewelyn shared an email received from a Stratford resident requesting a bench be erected in honor of their grandchild who passed away. Mr. Llewelyn will forward the email to members and this item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

IX. **Adjournment** — There being no further items to discuss, Mr. Barksdale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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