

Parks and Recreation Committee

March 23, 2016

The Parks & Recreation Committee held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall as duly posted.

Members Present: Chairman Kadeem, Mr. Jaekle, Mr. Salerno, Ms. Antezzo, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Hoydick, Mr. Rich, Mr. Watson, Mr. Stelmack

Alternates Present: Ms. Calzone

Members Absent: Mr. Marcone

Others Present: Recreation Superintendent, Pat Patusky, Parks Superintendent, Chad Esposito

Call to Order: Chairman Kadeem called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2016 with the correction under Old Business that only one (1) person spoke in favor and one (1) person spoke in opposition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Salerno. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rich made a motion to waive the rules to take **DeLuca Field** out of order. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Brien. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. G. Forrester distributed and reviewed December 22, 2015 correspondence in reference to the "Brakettes 70th Year and DeLuca Field Conditions". After meeting with the Mayor, he noted items that need repair: backstop, leaning fences, berm around infield, leveling of field and damaged fencing. A list of nine (9) items to be addressed were distributed to the Committee and would like allocated funds through the CIP which is coming up in June. Committee members questioned obtaining grants for repairs and block grant for repairs. Mr. Esposito suggested making DeLuca strictly a girls' softball venue. After discussion, Committee members did not think this would work. Ms. Patusky will submit field usage to the Committee. **Mr. Hoydick made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Antezzo. The motion carried unanimously.**

Projects and Reports

- a. **In-line skating** – Ms. Patusky discussed information which was emailed to the members. Committee members discussed the \$200K included in the CIP, alternative locations for the skate park and a suggestion was made that they look for equipment which is other than steel based.

- b. **5-Year Plan** – Ms. Patusky reported at the meeting last week Committee members put together a wish list. She suggested the list be prioritized by April 8th and members come together prior to the next Parks & Recreation meeting.

Continuing items

- a. **Frank DeLuca Field** – Taken out of order. See above.
- b. **Short Beach Commission** – Mr. Jaekle reported the Town Council passed the parking pass request (first ten (10) passes will be complimentary with rental of pavilions). Committee members discussed scouts camping at the beach ie waiver of fees, time frame, community service projects.
Mr. Esposito reported the golf course opened early.
Restaurant contract being finalized.
- c. **Boothe Park** – none
- d. **Maximize Use of School Facilities** - None
- e. **Tennis Courts, Platform Tennis and Pickle Ball** – Mr. Esposito is awaiting crack seal quote.
- f. **Athletic Fields** – Spring sports started on Friday.
- g. **Longbrook Park** – Mr. Esposito reported litter is still a problem – some fencing on back stops had to be replaced.
- h. **Roosevelt Forest** – Beaver’s are still problematic – resolution on line to have long-term management program.

Old Business

- a. **Smoke free beaches, parks and fields** – A motion was made by Mr. O’Brien to take this item off the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- a. **South End Splash Park** – Chairman Kadeem reported that \$64K was allotted from the CBG fund. Committee members discussed final cost and lighting. Total

cost would be approximately \$375-400K. Burns Construction Company is willing to help.

- b. Memorial for Larry Miller** – No Report
- c. Longbrook Park Skating Rink** – No Report
- d. Stoneybrook Field** – Mr. Esposito reported project is complete.
- e. Memorial for Bud Underwood** – Ms. Antezzo is working on this project
- f. Dog Park** – This item will be tabled until the next meeting
- g. Greenway** – Mr. Watson reported project would take approximately fifteen (15) months to complete. Committee members discussed route of greenway.

Members Comments/Concerns - None

Seeing no other business to discuss, Mr. Rich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoydick. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Gail De Cilio

Recording Secretary