

May 2, 2016

Short Beach Commission Meeting

The Stratford Short Beach Commission held a meeting as duly posted on Monday May 2, 2016 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, Stratford, CT

I. Call to Order: Chairman Llewelyn called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

Members Present: Councilman A. Llewelyn, Councilwoman B. Daponte, S. Barksdale, K. Daden, R. Jaekle, P. Clark-Sperling, D. Pancak

Others Present: B. Szymanski, Golf Course Superintendent

Members Absent:

Chairman Llewelyn informed the members that he and Ms. Daponte would not be able to stay for the full meeting because of an Ordinance Meeting at Bunnell High School.

II. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Daponte made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Golf Course Committee Report:

a. Mr. Szymanski reported looking into top dressing, working on agronomics, and regular maintenance being done. Ms. Daden reported that the computer system is in place and training has begun.

b. Restaurant:

a. Open: Shortly

b. Tracking of Revenue from Restaurant Operations: Ms. Daponte questioned what revenue would be tracked – this will be continued at next months' meeting.

IV. Beach Committee Report:

a. Beach Update –

Mr. Jaekle made a motion to waive the rules to discuss FTS Gallery's 5th anniversary celebration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jaekle discussed waiving parking fees for the June 4th FTS

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Gallery's 5th anniversary celebration at the beach. At the very least people who are working or performing at the celebration should be allowed free entrance. Chairman Llewelyn and Ms. Daponte noted this was not received by this Commission in a timely manner and they would need more information to make an informed decision as to entrance fees. Committee members discussed utilizing the complex for Town businesses. Mr. Barksdale took over as Chairman of the meeting.

Ms. Daden made a motion to send to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation to allow workers and artisans with a list provided by FTS Gallery's free entrance to the park on June 5th. This would be provisional until all other permits are acquired. All others would be charged full price. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jaekle noted for the record he felt this is unfair because this has been on the agenda for months.

Ms. Daden distributed and reviewed the Beach Committee Report dated May 2, 2016.

Tracking of Revenue from Gate will be discussed at the June Meeting.

Committee members discussed non-resident season passes which are presently \$150. **Mr. Barksdale made a motion to track seasonal and non-resident day passes to be able to obtain a benchmark of revenue at the complex. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pancak. The motion carried unanimously.**

b. Friends of Short Beach: Mr. Jaekle distributed and reviewed "Friends of Short Beach 2016 Season Update and Scouting Summary". Eagle Scout, Matt Allan, discussed the rebuilding of the grill. Discussion ensued on mason, materials and permit. He will contact Chad Esposito for direction.

Mr. Jaekle discussed Teen Night which will be held at the end of the month. High Schools' and Middle Schools' will be making it a part of their morning announcements.

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V. New Business: J. Kasinak from Sacred Heart University, discussed the horseshoe crab population and preservation. Distributed signage. Ms. Kasinak informed the Commission that a Restoration Ecology Project will be taking place on May 5th and Stratford Point. Mr. Jaekle suggested at Movie Night on May 27th tee shirts with a silhouette of a horseshoe crab be sold with part of the proceeds going to the tracking and preservation of these crabs. **Ms. Daden made a motion to post signage on Horseshoe Crabs at Short Beach. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Daden informed the Commission that Dr. Spivak, 98, passed away. He spent twenty (20) years on the Short Beach Commission

VI. Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss, Ms. Daden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail De Cilio