

Minutes of Short Beach Commission meeting

June 6, 2016

Short Beach Commission Meeting

The Stratford Short Beach Commission held a meeting as duly posted on Monday June 6, 2016 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, Stratford, CT

I. Call to Order: Chairman Llewelyn called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Others Present: Chad Esposito, Parks Superintendent

Members Absent: Councilwoman DaPonte

II. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Barksdale made a motion to approve the minutes of May 2nd with the correction that the FTS Gallery event was on the Short Beach Park schedule for months. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Superintendent Report:

- a. Golf Course Committee Report** – Mr. Esposito reported town-wide planting has been completed and agronomics program is complete. Because of the transition to the new computer system, financial report will be submitted at the next meeting. Commissioners discussed golf etiquette and decorum – rangers have started and will begin monitoring activity. Commissioners discussed set-up of water and port-a-potty. It was noted that the top of the scoreboard at the Little League field needs replacing of missing shingles. Mr. Esposito has bike racks and will install them at the beach and the golf course.

Mr. Jaekle noted that the Little League would like to have a brass plaque installed to denote efforts of those who provided the batting cages. **Mr. Jaekle made a motion to install a small plaque to acknowledge those whose efforts provided funding for the batting cages. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously.**

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- b. New Computer System** – Mr. Esposito is very happy with the new system and has tailored the system to fit the needs of the complex. Staff has been trained and will collect email's and telephone number's to enable them to send out blasts.
- c. Restaurant** – Opening July 1st.

IV. Beach Committee Report:

- a. Mini Golf Area Ideas for Usage** – Ms. Daden submitted Beach Committee Report which noted suggested use for area. Members agreed that volleyball courts would be the best usage for this area. Mr. Esposito will run some numbers. Included in the report were suggestions for the playscape area which included fencing and benches.
- b. Activities at the Beach** – Noted FTS event was a success. Chairman Llewelyn feels that careful consideration be implemented on usage of the beach by groups between Memorial and Labor Days'. He would have liked to have more information on the FTS event prior to the date received. Discussion ensued on permit procedure of the Recreation Department and if Short Beach Commission should have input on permits provided. Town CAO is investigating permit procedures and will be coming up with a mission statement to oversee usage. When received, Ms. Daden will email this to members.
- c. Friends of Short Beach** – Mr. Jaekle reported movie night and Teen night was this past weekend. Approximately 20-30 teens were present at teen night with no issues. Flyers will be distributed at schools for next teen night.

Mr. Jaekle also reported some people feel Friends of Short Beach are overstepping the parameters of their Mission Statement. He noted that Friends of Short Beach is the renamed sub-committee of Activities at Short Beach. A partnership has been formed with the Arts Commission who had purchased the projector and the movie screen for Friends of Short Beach. He discussed the condition of the projector

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and movie screen upon arrival. He also discussed the need for a permit for every event scheduled at the beach and the complaint by the Recreation Department of the DJ utilized at Teen Night.

Mr. Jaekle has received a request from Stratford High School alumni to hold their 25th reunion at Short Beach on August 13th and discussed waiving the \$20 entrance fee. Mr. Barksdale suggested ½ price parking for attendees. **Mr. Jaekle made a motion to send to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation parking for the Stratford High School 25th reunion alumni on August 13th be allowed at ½ price. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. New Business: Ms. Daden questioned if service dogs are exempt to the ‘no dogs’ rule at the beach. Members feel this is a Federal and State Law allowing service dogs at public beaches.

Mr. Jaekle questioned if Mr. Esposito has received signage on horseshoe crabs.

VI. Adjournment: There being no further items to discuss, Mr. Jaekle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail De Cilio