

**August 1, 2016**

**Short Beach Commission Meeting**

The Stratford Short Beach Commission held a regular meeting as duly posted on Monday August 1, 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, Councilwoman B. DaPonte, K. Daden, R. Jaekle, P. Clark-Sperling, D. Pancak

**Others Present:** B. Szymanski, R. Salito - PGA

**Members Absent:** S. Barksdale

**II. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Pancak made a motion to approve the minutes of June 6<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Superintendent Report:**

- A. Golf Course Committee Report** – Mr. Szymanski reported problems with the irrigation system – in dire need of new system. Ms. Daden informed the Commission that the 2016 CIP has \$600K+ allocated for Short Beach Park and questioned procedure to obtain these funds. Ms. Daponte noted revenue goes into General Funds and Short Beach would draw from these funds. Mr. Pancak suggested quality of course and greens should be kept up to par and noted this is why it is imperative that the irrigation system be updated. Ms. Daden mentioned that the only revenue stream for the course is the greens' fees' and other revenue streams are needed to run the course.
- B. New Computer System** – New system has shown a 40% increase of activity from last year.
- C. Restaurant** – Ms. Daponte reported funds from restaurant will be going into General Funds. Ms. Daden would like to see revenue going to Golf Course and another revenue stream would be opening a Pro Shop at the course. She also suggested getting numbers from the Recreation Department on gate receipts, pavilion rentals, and sale of season passes.

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It was suggested that rentals be in three (3) four (4) hour blocks at \$50 per hour for residents and \$75 per hour for non-residents. Suggested signage designating rentals at pavilions. Mr. Jaekle noted that policy presently is one rental per day. Mr. Pancak noted without actual numbers this is a mute discussion. Ms. Daponte added this will be a good pilot test for other town facilities.

**Ms. Daden made a motion to have Chairman Llewelyn request from the Recreation Department revenue from gate receipts, concession stand, pavilion rentals, sale of season passes, breakdown of resident and non-resident activity and numbers of programs run by the Recreation Department at Short Beach only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously.**

Restaurant opened today and will be opened from 6:30 am until 10:00 pm daily. They are hoping to have liquor license by next week. Chairman Llewelyn added that according to their lease restaurant has to open thirty (30) minutes before the first tee time.

**Ms. Daden made a motion to waive the rules. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Scinto addressed the Commission on allowing Narcotics Anonymous a parking waiver for out-of-towners for their annual picnic. **Ms. Daponte made a motion to allow Narcotics Anonymous a parking waiver for their annual picnic. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **IV. Beach Committee Report:**

- a. **Mini Golf Area Ideas for Usage** – Discussion ensued on uses for this area. Ms. Daponte suggested a carousel at this location. Mr. Jaekle has been in touch with a gentleman that is interested in installing a carousel at Short Beach. He will try to get him to be present at the next meeting. Commissioners discussed hours of concession stand.

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- b. Activities at the Beach –Friends of Short Beach –** Mr. Jaekle reported movie night has worked out great – yoga program has been stopped and teen night has been disappointing.

**V. New Business:** Mr. Jaekle is on the sub-committee formed by the Parks & Recreation Committee to vet the dog parks' location at Short Beach. This will be put on as an agenda item.

Mr. Jaekle submitted an invoice from Deschamps Mat Systems – will be submitted to appropriate department.

**VI. Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, Ms. Daponte made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail De Cilio