

September 3, 2016

Short Beach Commission Meeting

The Stratford Short Beach Commission held a regular meeting as duly posted on Monday September 3, 2016 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, Stratford, CT

I. Call to Order: In the absence of Chairman Llewelyn, Councilwoman Daponte called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Members Present: Councilwoman B. DaPonte, K. Daden, R. Jaekle, P. Clark-Sperling, D. Pancak

Others Present: Chad Esposito, Parks Superintendent

Members Absent: S. Barksdale, Councilman A. Lleweyn

II. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Pancak made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1st. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Superintendent Report:

- A. **Golf Course Committee Report** – Mr. Esposito distributed and reviewed “Sales Comparison FY 2012 – FY 2015”. He discussed the condition of the course and noted on October 13th the course would be closed for yearly aeration. Ms. Daden has heard great things about the complex and discussed possibilities of shade apparatus for the playscape area. Mr. Esposito informed the Commission that bike racks are available. Commissioners discussed irrigation system going out to CIP bond – potential start date is September-October of next year – will take 6-8 months to complete. Commissioners discussed lacrosse field.
- B. **New Computer System** – System is designed to be capable of breaking down sales on an hourly basis. Commissioners discussed marketing which can be accomplished using system.
- C. **Restaurant** – Restaurant is doing great. Ms. Daden noted the only complaint is that the restaurant is not open long enough. She suggested hours be changed: Sunday-Thursday 7:30a.m.-11:00p.m. with last call at 10:40p.m. Friday and Saturday 7:30a.m.-12:00a.m. with last call at 11:40p.m. **Mr. Pancak made a motion to waive the rules to allow Mr.**

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Farrington-Posner from the Zoning Commission to address the Short Beach Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Farrington-Posner will speak to Mr. Habansky, Zoning Commissioner, to add restaurant hours to the next Administrative Session.

IV. Beach Committee Report:

- a. **Mini Golf Area Ideas for Usage** – Ms. Daden noted there are two (2) options for this area- Carousel or dog park. Mr. Jaekle, although he likes the carousel option, noted cost for carousel would be approximately \$500K. Commissioners discussed various ways to operate the carousel.
- b. **Activities at the Beach –Friends of Short Beach** – Mr. Jaekle reported movie night has worked out great – discussed different activities planned for the beach. Ms. Daden addressed the permitting process for the complex. She suggested that all public/private entities come before the Short Beach Commission for approval. There should also be a calendar on the Towns’ website depicting activities for the month. Recently Pavilion #1 was double permitted for the same time.

Ms. Daden also informed the Commission:

- 1) CAO is currently looking into a kayak storage system
- 2) Mobile Mats should be ready by the beginning of the season
- 3) Sea Scouts – Unit #101 has just been chartered – looking for donation of a sail boat – swearing in of scouts will take place Friday at 7:00 pm at beach

- D. **Dog Park** – Mr. Jaekle, who is on the dog park sub-committee, introduced Ms. Lockshier and Mr. Rich. Mr. Rich addressed the Commission noting they are looking at all potential sites to vet and would like input on the Short Beach area. Ms. Lockshier distributed photo of site and introduced a power point presentation. Commissioners discussed EPA, upkeep of park, ice rink vs. dog park liability, Ordinance, fencing and key card system. Mr. Pancak voiced his opposition to the dog park at this site. Mr. Esposito is concerned with the maintenance of site, snow plowing at beach, foot traffic in area and

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control of the key card system. Mr. Rich noted for the record reasons given by the Short Beach Commission not to have dog park at Short Beach as follows:

- a. Increased activity at Short Beach
- b. Ordinance would have to be changed
- c. Foot traffic in area
- d. People may push the boundaries of the park
- e. Off-season issues
- f. Cost of renovating site

Ms. Daden would like wild-life in area be added to reasons not to have dog park at the Short Beach. Mr. Jaekle noted they would have to go to the Ordinance Committee to have the no dogs in park ordinance changed. Councilwoman Manus questioned if there would be a spread sheet and report to the Town Council on all possible locations.

Mr. Pancak made a motion to not approve Short Beach as a potential site for the dog park. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion was not voted on.

Mr. Pancak made a motion to table the dog park until the Chairman of the Short Beach Commission was present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaekle. The motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business: Mr. Jaekle distributed "Pavilion Rental Process and Fees, Revision Proposal" for the Commission to peruse.

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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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