

November 7, 2016

Short Beach Commission Meeting

The Stratford Short Beach Commission held a regular meeting as duly posted on Monday November 7, 2016 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, Stratford, CT

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

Members Present: , K. Daden, R. Jaekle, P. Clark-Sperling, Mr. Llewelyn

Others Present: B. Szymanski

Members Absent: Councilwoman B. DaPonte, D. Pancak

II. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Daden made a motion to approve the minutes of October 3rd . The motion was seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Superintendent Report:

A. Golf Course Committee Report – Chairman Llewelyn read into record memo from Mr. Esposito, Parks Superintendent, stating although he could not attend the meeting noted plans are being finalized to obtain an irrigation consultant. Mr. Szymanski informed the Committee that greens are being aerated, top dressing and seeding is being done and will be winterizing. Ms. Daden mentioned that staffing is down to two (2) people – staffing report will be discussed at the next meeting.

B. New Computer System – No Report

C. Restaurant – Ms. Daden reported on restaurant activity and potential income. They will be going to Zoning to redo hours of operation. In 1985, golf course was built in enterprise funded zone and as such revenue from restaurant was earmarked to be part of golf course. She noted a decision was made by the Finance Director to put the rent from restaurant into General Funds. She also noted that the success of the restaurant is tied to the success of the golf course. **Ms. Daden made a motion to send to the Administration with a favorable recommendation that the rent from the restaurant be put into the golf course funds. The motion was seconded by Ms. Clark-Sperling. The motion carried unanimously.**

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Ms. Daden discussed potential pro shop noting the Financial Director questioned the sales tax. She will discuss this with the CAO. She also noted that she has spoken to Mr. Esposito about installing a kiosk in front of the concession stand which will have a calendar, rules, and special events. Benches at the beach, which can also be memorials, and bike racks are needed. Swim area at beach is not designated or marked which is non-compliant with State of Connecticut regulations.

IV. Beach Committee Report:

- a. **Mini Golf Area Ideas for Usage** – Ms. Daden would like to get information on obtaining a sponsor for a carousel at the mini golf course area – big ticket item.
- b. **Activities at the Beach** –Mr. Jaekle reported September will be the last month for movies. The summer programs went well. He will have a preliminary schedule for the upcoming year in December. There are currently 1,400 followers for Friends of Short Beach on facebook.
- c. **Dog Park** – Mr. Jaekle, who is on the dog park sub-committee, discussed vetting process for different areas suggested for the dog park. Chairman Llewelyn discussed the lack of bathroom facilities in the winter months, waste line, close proximity of athletic fields, parking and Ordinance which states “No Dogs at Beach”. **Ms. Daden made a motion to send to the Town Council with an unfavorable recommendation location of dog park at Short Beach. The motion was seconded by Ms. Clark-Sperling. The motion carried 3-0 with Mr. Jaekle abstaining from the vote.**
Sterling House would like to change “Down and Dirty” to June 10th in 2017. They would also be setting up in the late afternoon of June 9th. **Mr. Jaekle made a motion to approve late afternoon of June 9th and June 10th for Down and Dirty. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daden. The motion carried unanimously.** Secretary will email P. Calabrese.

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V. New Business:

a. Winter Camping at Short Beach – Mr. Jaekle reported all paperwork is in order – camped November 5th. He distributed and reviewed “Preliminary Permitting and Rules/Guidelines” and referred to the site map discussing rules of usage. He discussed preservation of the horseshoe crab population in conjunction with the Sea Scouts. Rachel Sherwood, Sea Scout, will be working with J. Kasinak and J. Mattei, Project Limulus from Sacred Heart University on this program. Noted number of new Reef Balls will be forthcoming and Sea Scouts will also work in conjunction with this project. Ms. Daden suggested that there be a “No Harvesting” area and will confer with Ms. Batoh, Conservation Administrator.

b. Pavilion Rental Schedule - Mr. Jaekle distributed “Pavilion Rental Process and Fees” and asked the Committee members to peruse and discuss at next meeting.

c. Strategic Plan – Mr. Barksdale distributed and reviewed “Gant Chart”. Members discussed completed items and upcoming items. Ms. Daden felt Committee members did a good job on completions in 2016.

VI. Mission Statement for Short Beach Park Commission as it relates to use of park by both private and public entities – Chapter 5, Article XI, Section 5-7 – Ms. Daden discussed lack of communication between Short Beach Commission and the Recreation Department. She has discussed with C. Tymniak, CAO, having an on-line calendar of events.

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 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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