**Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 6, 2023**

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Armory. In attendance were Vice Chairman Fran Ducotey, Commissioners Mike Fritch, Casey McKenna, Recreation Director Bobby Pentino and Public Works Director Ray Drew.

**Adoption of Previous Month’s Minutes**: On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Mike Fritch, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2023 commission meeting.

**Correspondence:** None

**Citizen’s Comments**: Brian Idrovo and Erik Idrovo addressed the commission with their thanks for a very successful indoor soccer season at the Armory. They hope to continue it next year. They also asked about the soccer fields at Toro field.

**Committee Updates**

**Facility Requests**

**Coe Memorial Park Civic Center**

1. Christy Tellier, Prime Time House, for Christmas Party, December 8, 2023. Motion to approve by Mike Fritch, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval. Bobby stated that they had already paid the fee.

**Programs**

**Director Pentino reported:**

1. He met with Tim Cote about skating at West Torrington.
2. The process of purchasing a playscape for Joe Ruwet Park had to begin again. He presented two designs for the commissioners’ approval. On a motion by Mike Fritch with a second by Casey McKenna, the commission unanimously approved playground quote 3. It will be purchased and stored until spring.
3. He met with Ty Kittle to plan the Young Men’s Basketball League on Sundays. There will be an open gym at night with a $5.00 fee for walk-ins.
4. Jeanine will host a Yoga meditation program at the Teen Center for seven weeks. There will be an 80/20 program cost.
5. There will be a Winter Concert Series at Coe Memorial Park Civic Center on February 3, 10, and 17.
6. Chrissy, MPower Youth Running, will hold a seven week course for training for 5K. 75/25 split for course.
7. Kris Boutin has proposed a semipro baseball League for Fuessenich Park on Saturdays and Sundays starting in April through October. He will pay all expenses.
8. Bill Nataro will host a basketball tournament December 26-29 to raise money for Summer Basketball League.

**Chairperson Fairchild led the update on Christmas Village**,

1 .Friday, December 8th, Annual Fund Drive at the Elks Lodge. Chris McKenna will provide music.

1. Bobby, Patty, and Fran will meet at 8:00 a.m., at WZBG on December 8th to talk about the opening of Christmas Village.
2. There was a discussion about the parade on Sunday and the parking problems
3. Casey reported on Awecast setting up at the village and the parade.
4. Casey and Fran will handle the buying of pizza for the workers at the village on Friday.

**Capital/Budget:** Ray Drew gave commissioners copies of the Expense Budget Performance Review which he went over with the commission.

**Facility Operations**: No big issues to discuss. There is a door problem at the Armory. Jamie Sykora will do a facility assessment for the Armory.

**Coe Memorial Park**: The minutes of the November 15, 2023 Coe Memorial Park Committee were read with concerns noted by the committee were discussed with their possible corrections.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Other Business**: None

**Adjournment**: On a motion by Mike Fritch with a second by Casey McKenna, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.