**Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 7, 2024**

**Call to order**: Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Armory.

**Roll Call:** In attendance, Vice Chairman, Fran Ducotey, Commissioner Casey McKenna, and Recreation Director Bobby Pentino.

**Adoption of Previous Month’s Minutes**: On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Casey McKenna, the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the December6, 2023 commission meeting.

**Correspondence:** None

**Citizen’s Comments**: None

The commission viewed a presentation by Doug Benedetto and Karen Rakyta Bozak on the possible creation of a Rainbow Bridge Memorial at Toro Complex adjacent to the dog park.

**Committee Updates**

**Facility Requests**

**Coe Park**

1. Alicia Peterson, McCall’s, July 25, 2024, Trails to Wellness. Motion to table pending further information from Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous consensus.
2. Alicia Peterson, McCall’s, August 29, 2024, Overdose Awareness Vigil. Motion to table pending further information from Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous consensus.
3. Judy Kobylarz –Dillard, B.E. R.E.A.D.Y. Project, August 8, 2024, Community Celebration. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.
4. Kelsey Gavlik, Gina Devaux from Susan B. Anthony, April 25, 2024, Sexual Assault Awareness Vigil. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.
5. Matt Pagano, August 4, 2024, Tour of Litchfield Hills. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.
6. Reverend Angie Boratko, May 2, 2024, National Day of Prayer. Motion to approve by Casey McKenna, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.

**Armory**

1. Erik Idrovo, Tio Pacho Liga Sporting, 2025. Motion to table by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous consensus.
2. Nancy Gottfried, February 9, 2024, Pickle ball Birthday Party. Pre-approved by Bobby Pentino.
3. Roka Reid, Barony Beyond the Mountain. May 11, 2024, Historical Reenactment Event. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

**Alvord Park and Bishop Donnelly**

1. Ian MacDonald, Torrington Youth Soccer, Spring Soccer Dates. Motion to approve for Alvord use only by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

**Franklin Plaza**

1. Peggy Hotchkiss, UNICO, October 12, 2024, Italian Festival. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna.

**Programs**

Director Pentino reported:

1. Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Christmas Village. Commissioners questioned as to why there was an attendance fee for this year as it has always been a free event for the public.
2. There will be two camps f in the summer, one at Besse Pool and the other at Borzani Park.
3. Only six people have showed for the Meditation class.
4. The running program is open.
5. Pickle ball in the Armory will be until April 24th.
6. Softball Umpire clinic will be held February 29th.
7. Young Men’s League will be starting this week.
8. Softball registrations will be held on March 5th and 7th.

**Sports**: Included in Director’s Report.

**Capital/Budget**: Bobby has completed the budget and has sent it in for review.

**Facility Operations**: No report

**Coe Memorial Park**: No minutes submitted.

**Old Business**: None

**New Business**: On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Casey McKenna, the commission voted unanimously to approve the construction of the Rainbow Bridge project.

**Other Business**: None

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Casey McKenna, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.