

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2022

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Armory. In attendance were commissioners Fran Ducotey, Jim Pescatore, Casey McKenna, and Superintendent Brett Simmons.

Adoption of Previous Month's Minutes: On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the December 1, 2021 commission meeting.

Correspondence: 1. A note from Sandy Sokolik in reference to the passing of her uncle, Frank Pennington. 2. Note from the Treppeda Family of Tafton, PA, in thanks for the holiday magic created by Christmas Village.

Citizen's Comments: None

Facility Use/Requests

Coe Memorial Park

1. John Ciesco, for primary and election, 8/9/22 and 11/8/22. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
2. Rev. Angela Boratko, Torrington Four Square, for National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5, 2022. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
3. Jeffrey Seiser, Boy Scouts, for Veterans Tribute and Cemetery Flag, Saturday, May 7, 2022. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
4. Renee Lopez, Love 146, Fundraising event for Awareness of Child trafficking, July 30, 2022. Motion to approve pending insurance and half price rental fees by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.

Armory

1. John Ciesco, Registrar, Primary and Election, 8/9/22 and 11/8/22. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
2. Ray Tanguay, OWTS, basketball practice. Pre-approved.j
3. Patrick Elias, N.W. Corner Umpires Assoc. for Umpires meeting, March 1, 2022. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

4. Ray Tanguay, OWTS, for basketball practice, February 4, 2022. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
5. Chris Smedick, PAL, for basketball tournament, March 4 and 5. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

West Torrington

1. Chris Smedick, PAL, for Winter Carnival, February 18, 2022. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna, and unanimous approval.

Alvord/ Toro

1. Mike Fritch, TYS, for Soccer games and practices, April 1 – June 19, 2022. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna, and unanimous approval.

Programs

Superintendent Simmons reported:

1. Field use fees will remain the same this year.
2. Winter Concert Series will be virtual at On Deck Studios February 4, 11, 18.
3. Easter Egg Hunt will be April 9th at THS field.
4. Brett will meet with the Summer Playground Coordinator to plan for the summer program.
5. Brett is working on hiring summer staff with an increase in salary in order to remain competitive.

Sports

Superintendent Simmons and Jim Pescatore will meet with the new softball coordinator on Friday, February 4th.

Capital/Budget

1. Brett is completing work on his budgets.
2. Commissioners were given a map of the Besse Pond complex which includes placement of the skate park.

Facility Operations

1. Timber Harvest to start at Charlene Besse Park.
2. Work on the back nine of Disc Golf will begin again.
3. Playground/ playscape renovations will begin.

Coe Memorial Park

1. Minutes of the Coe Memorial Park Committee's meeting were reviewed by the commission.

Old Business

Brett reported the Teen Center is going very well. Friendly Hands has been a tremendous help,

New Business

Casey McKenna expressed his pleasure over the start of the 75th Anniversary Committee for Christmas Village.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: On a motion by Jim Pescatore and a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:07 p.m.

Minutes written and submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.