

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2022

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Armory. In attendance were commissioners Jim Pescatore, Casey McKenna, and Mike Fritch, as well as Superintendent Brett Simmons.

Adoption of Previous Month's Minutes: On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Casey McKenna, the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2022 commission meeting.

Correspondence: Superintendent Simmons received an email from Susan Depretis in regards to the relocation of the skate park.

Old Business: On a motion by Casey McKenna with a second by Jim Pescatore., the commission voted unanimously to change the order of the agenda and move Old Business to the beginning of the meeting.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Mike Fritch, the commission voted unanimously to add the Skateboard Park to Old Business. The Citizens Comments were then allowed to be held at his time. Those speaking included the following Board of Education members: Fiona Cappabianca, chairperson, Susan DePretis, Jessica Richardson, Ellen Hoehne, Gary Eucalitto, and Glenn Burger. Also speaking were building committee members Mario Longobucco and Ed Arum. Councilwoman Keri Hoehne and former Councilwoman Sharon Wagner also addressed the commission. All speakers were in opposition to the proposed relocation of the skateboard park or spoke in favor of it being moved to Albert Street.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Mike Fritch, the commission voted unanimously to table further discussion on the relocation of the skateboard park.

Facility Use Requests

Franklin Plaza

1. Derek Savoy/Friendly Hands Foodbank for Home Event 2022 on May 7, 2022. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.
2. Heather Rems Korwin for Event on May 6, 2022. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.
3. Chris Smedick, PAL, Dress for Success, July 30, 2022. Motion to approve by Casey McKenna, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.

Elise Besse Pond

1. Wilbert Boles, Brotherhood of Diversity, for basketball tournament on June 4, 2022. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

Elise Besse Pool

1. Chris Smedick, PAL, for picnic, game and swimming on August 11, 2022. Motion to approve by Casey McKenna, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.

West Torrington

1. Rev. Darr, First Congregational Church, for Community Easter Event, on April 16, 2022. Motion to approve by Mike Fritch, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.
2. Rev. Darr, First Congregational Church, for concert May 21, 2022. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

Coe Memorial Park

1. Matthias Ekstrand, Susan B. Anthony, Awareness Month Event on April 28, 2022. Motion to approve by Casey McKenna, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.
2. Stephanie Stacy, MADD, Victim /impact Panel, May 11, 2022. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.
3. Torrington Veterans Memorial Committee for various events on 2/28/22, 3/29/22, 5/30/22, 7/27/22, 11/11/22, 12/7/22.

Fuessenich Park

1. Dora Carr, Torrington Twisters baseball games on various dates and times. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.
2. Pat Richardson, THS baseball games on various dates and time. Motion to approve by Pat Fairchild, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.
3. John Strawson, Forman School baseball games on various dates and times. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.
4. Joe McCoy, Torrington Little League for various dates. Motion to approve by Casey McKenna, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.
5. Ed Gadomski, Stan Musial World Series on August 11-14, 2022. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.

Armory

1. Patricia Triggs for personal use on March 10, 2022. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.

Programs:

Superintendent Simmons provided fliers in our meeting packets on

1. Northwest Kid Rock on March 11 and March 25.
2. Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th.
3. Touch a Truck 2022 on June 4, 2022
4. Job Opportunity for 2022 Summer Action & Adventure Program
5. Job Opportunity for William L. Besse Municipal Pool for various positions.

He also reported:

1. Brochure is in progress.
2. There is a potential Aquatics Director.
3. Young Men's Basketball League is being coordinated by Ty Kittle.
4. Sheri Cote is organizing Women's volleyball.
5. ED Advance is providing food for the Teen Center.
6. Gymnastics/Dance going very well.
7. Casey and Brett to begin work on Vocal Showcase.
8. Sixteen summer concerts are being planned.
9. The Pageant of Drums will be July 16, 2022.

Sports: Updates included in Programs.

Capital/ Budget: Brett has proposed the hiring of two attendants (like park rangers).

Facility Operations: Nothing to report.

Coe Memorial Park: No minutes received. Commissioners recognized the passing of former Coe Committee member, Judy Addazio

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 6:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.