

## **Torrington Parks and Recreation**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**August 3, 2022**

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. at the Armory. In attendance were Vice-Chairman, Fran Ducotey, Jim Pescatore, Casey McKenna, and Superintendent Brett Simmons. Mayor Elinor Carbone and Coe Memorial Park Committee Chairperson, Marc Trivella, attended for part of the meeting.

**Adoption of Previous Month's Minutes:** On a motion by Casey McKenna with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the June 1, 2022, commission meeting.

**Correspondence:** Letter received from Bill Koldys regarding the use of tennis courts for pickle ball courts.

**Citizen's Comments:** None

### **Committee Updates**

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Casey McKenna, the commission voted unanimously to change the order of the agenda and move Coe Memorial Park to the beginning.

Coe Memorial Park: Mayor Carbone and Superintendent Simmons discussed the possibility of installing two bocce courts at Coe Memorial Park. Commissioners were presented with maps of the area where the courts would be included. Coe Memorial Park Committee Chairperson, Marc Trivella, was part of the discussion and he will bring the proposal to the committee at their meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously in favor of installing two bocce courts at Coe Memorial Park.

Mayor Carbone also stated that Coe will receive \$36,000 in ARP funds for its use during the pandemic. Mayor Carbone and Marc Trivella exited the meeting at this time.

### **Facility Uses**

#### **Coe Memorial Park:**

1. Heather Rems Korwin, Yoga Class, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.
2. Anishka Perera, Troop 3, Awareness Walk. August 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.
3. Joel Sekorski, Sullivan Senior Center, Picnic in the Park, September 14<sup>th</sup>, pre-approved.
4. Officer Rob Simons, TPD Union, Blood Drive, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.
5. Sarah Zbell, TYS, Halloween Party, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Motion to table pending further information by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

## **Programs**

Superintendent Simmons reported:

- Concerts at Coe Memorial Park are going well.
- Mayor's Polka Night is August 26<sup>th</sup> at Coe Memorial Park.
- Northwest Vocal Showcase: Working on finals. Promoting ticket sales. Judges are in place with a special judge being Nicole Zuraitis. Tim Urban will cohost with Casey McKenna. Possibility of a confetti machine with announcement of the winner. Assurance is needed as to who will clean up after.
- Working on fall programs.
- Planning for Halloween activities at the Middle School in conjunction with Trunk or Treat.
- Commissioners will act as judges for the Halloween Decorating Contest.
- An outdoor movie night is being planned to be held at Coe Memorial Park the week after Labor Day.
- The pool is going well. It is opened five days a week.
- The Christmas Village ornament has been ordered.
- There will be a Winter Concert Series at Coe Memorial Park Civic Center. Tracy Walton is coordinating with Brett on this.

## **Sports**

- Softball going okay so far.
- There may be a coed softball league in the fall. Our coordinator will take charge of this.
- Basketball is going well under Bill and Ryan.
- Sherry Cote will coordinate volleyball.

## **Capital/ Budget**

- Pond Management program is in its third year. It will resume in late September, early October.
- Brett included the results of the skateboard park survey in the commissioners' packets. The RFQ for design work was included in the commissioners' packets as well as a copy of the MOU between the City of Torrington and the Board of Education in regards to the parking area at Elise Besse Park.
- The timber harvest at Charlene Susan Besse Park is completed.
- The plans and drawings for Joe Ruwet Park renovations were presented to the commission.

## **Facility Operations**

- Much of what was included in Capital/Budget pertains to Facility operations.
- Drought issues are evident.
- The controller at Coe Memorial Park is not working. Jeremy, the gardener, is doing the watering remotely. All plant and shrubs are doing well in the park.
- There will be a garden presentation with Still River Gardens at 5:30 on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Other Business:** None

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:24p.m.

Minutes written and submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.