**Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 2, 2023**

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Armory. In attendance were Vice Chairman Fran Ducotey, Commissioner Jim Pescatore, Recreation Director Bobby Pentino, and Public Works Director Ray Drew.

**Adoption of Previous Month’s Minutes** – Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.

**Correspondence:** None

**Citizen’s Comments**: None

**Committee Updates**

**Facility Use**

**Coe Memorial Park**

1. Keith Mutch, Torrington Family Kemp, Taichi Class, September 2, 9, 23, 30. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.

**Fuessenich Park**

1. Ed Gadomski, Tri-State Baseball League, Baseball Game, August 4th. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.

**Armory**

1. Natalie Gonzalez, Dept. of Children and Families, Providers Meet and Greet, October 5th or 6th. Motion to move event to Coe Memorial Park as the better facility by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.

**Programs/Sports Updates**

Director Pentino reported:

1. Coed Softball, Kickball, and Men’s Softball League will be started in the fall.
2. Lindsay created a sponsor brochure for banners at Toro and Fuessenich Park. Commissioners Ducotey and Pescatore have agreed to be among the first to purchase banners.
3. There will be Armory entry fees starting in the winter for PAL basketball. ($2.00 per person)
4. The pool will be open for an additional week in August. Signs will be made for the 26 spaces in the lower parking lot indicating for pool and park use.
5. Preparations are being made for the Halloween event on October 20, 21.
6. Starting January 1st, there will be a change in the charges for Toro 1 and Toro ll. Toro 1 will be $250, Toro ll will be $100 and there will be a maintenance fee of $150.
7. Pat Fairchild spoke about the quality of the bands being chosen for the Concert Series. Ray wants Bobby to join the CPRA as there is a showcase of musical groups.

**Capital/Budget**

Ray Drew distributed and explained the Budget and Performance report, Fiscal Year to Date 8/2/2023.

Fireworks preliminary report included approximately $7,800 taken in at the gates and approximately $7,000 from the carnival.

**Facility Operations**

Ray Drew and Bobby Pentino reported:

1. Ruwet project has been completed.
2. Work continues on the Armory project.
3. Bobby is working on a playscape for Joe Ruwet Park.
4. Bocce courts will be started soon.
5. Ray will start an update on the Parks masterplan. There will be an RFQ for architectural services.

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

**Old Business**: Ray displayed a Design Direction chart for the new skate board park.

**New Business**: None

**Other Business**: Jim Pescatore presented some ideas for better access to next year’s fireworks. Using tickets and drop off signs were suggested.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Jim Pescatore and seconded by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.