**Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 4, 2023**

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 5:00 at the Armory. In attendance were Vice Chairman Fran Ducotey, commissioners Jim Pescatore, Mike Fritch, Casey McKenna, and Recreation Director, Bobby Pentino.

**Adoption of Previous Month’s Minutes:** On a motion by Mike Fritch with a second by Casey McKenna, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2023 commission meeting.

**Correspondence:** None

**Citizens’ Comments**: None

**Committee Updates**

**Facility Use**

**Sue Grossman Still River Greenway**

1. Request from Dawn Sanderson to place a permanent bench in honor of her son, Jesse Christiano. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
2. Request from Paula Versteeg and the Soliani family to place a permanent bench in honor of Marie Soliani. Motion to approve by Casey McKenna, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.

**Coe Memorial Park**

1. Kristina Carey, Susan B. Anthony, Domestic Violence Awareness Screening, October 19, 2023. Motion to approve with fees by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
2. Debra Deptula, Western CT. Mental Health, Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, November 20. 2023. Motion to approve with fees by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
3. Mike Muszynski, CCM, for Educational Forum, October25, 2023. Motion to approve with fees by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.
4. Peggy Hotchkiss, UNICO, Scholarship Night on June 12, 2024. Motion to approve by Mike Fritch, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

**Fuessenich Park**

1. Adam Alcamo, Northeast Baseball Showdown, October 7, 8, 2023. Preapproved with fees.

**Franklin Plaza**

1. Ed Cannata, Main Street Torrington, for Oktoberfest on 9/28/2024 and rain date 9/28/2024. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.

**Armory**

1. Ray Tanguay, OWTS, Basketball practice, schedule included. Motion by Fran Ducotey to have Director Pentino sort out the schedules and make adjustments where possible. Seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.
2. Brian Idrovo, indoor soccer starting in November. Motion by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.

**Programs**

Director Pentino reported:

1. Bocce courts will be completed by Friday. Leagues will start in spring 2024.
2. Pickleball on Wednesdays at the Armory will start in a few weeks.
3. Playscape for Ruwet Park will be purchased and stored for spring installation.
4. There will be a Winter Concert Series at Coe Memorial Park.
5. Commissioners will judge entries for Halloween Decorating Contest on October 30th.
6. Deer have been secured for Christmas Village.
7. Fran Ducotey will contact Dunkin Donuts for a donation of cocoa and cups for our Christmas activities.

**Sports**

Director Pentino reported:

1. Men’s and Women’s Fall Softball leagues are going well.
2. Meeting with Bill Nataro and Ryan Phelan has resulted in changes to the Summer Basketball program with the intent of it being a successful program financially.
3. He is supportive of the proposed indoor soccer program.

**Capital/Budget**: No report

**Facility Operations**: The basement of the Armory has been cleaned and is ready for the Haunted House.

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

**Old Business**: None

**New Business**: None

**Other Business**: None

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Mike Fritch, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

Minutes written and submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.