

**Torrington Parks and Recreation
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022**

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of The Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Armory. In attendance were Vice Chairman, Fran Ducotey, Commissioners Jim Pescatore, Mike Fritch, Casey McKenna and Superintendent Brett Simmons.

Adoption of Previous Month's Minutes: On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Casey McKenna, the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2022 commission meeting.

Correspondence: None

Citizen's Comments: Tom Kandefer spoke positively about the work done at Major Besse Park. H suggested we collaborate with the Conservation Committee.

Committee Updates

Facility Uses:

Armory:

1. Kevin Hale, Train Show, December 2, 3, 4. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.
2. Pastor Anthony DeRosa, Torrington Christian Academy Basketball games, November-January. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.

Coe Memorial Park:

1. Matt Ekstrand, Susan B. Anthony Annual Domestic Violence Awareness, October 6th. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.
2. Ed Cannata, Main St. Torrington, Strawberry Festival, June 3, 2023. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.

Franklin Plaza:

1. Jean Todd, Create Salon & Spa, Halloween Sip and Shop, October 28th. Motion to approve pending fees, insurance, and no alcohol by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
2. Ed Cannata, Main St. Torrington, Octoberfest, September 30, 2023. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.

Programs

Superintendent Simmons reported:

1. Teen Center is opened and going well. The food situation is being worked on. We are looking into the kitchen upgrades. He included the rules that will be passed out to the participants for them to sign.

2. **Flyers were included in the commission packets for:**

Halloween Decorating Contest which commissioners will judge.

Halloween Drive Thru participation forms for Truck or Treat on October 29th

Babysitting Course on November 12th.

Information on dance classes at Recreation Hall.

Christmas Craft Fair at the Armory on November 12th.

Northwest Vocal Showcase with dates for 2023.

75th Anniversary Christmas Village ornament.

Christmas Village Annual Fund Drive on December 1st at the Elks.

Northwest Youth Talent Show, March 11, 2023.

Women's Volleyball League from October 14 through February 17, 2023.

Young Men's Basketball League, January 8 through March 26, 2023

Co-Ed Fall Softball League tentatively starting October 3, 2022.

Facility Operations:

Shannon (Aquatics Director) will coordinate indoor pickle ball at the Armory on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Commissioner Fritch expressed the need for a bench for pickle ball participants at Durand St.

Coe Memorial Park: Minutes included in commissioner's packets.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: On a motion by Jim Pescatore and seconded by Mike Fritch, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:37.

Minutes written and submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.