**Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 1, 2023**

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Armory. In attendance were Commissioners Fran Ducotey, Jim Pescatore, Mike Fritch, Casey McKenna, and acting director, Ed McCann. Public Works Director, Ray Drew, joined the meeting when in progress.

**Adoption of Previous Month’s Minutes**: On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Mike Fritch, the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2023 commission meeting.

**Correspondence:** None

**Citizen’s Comments**: Seth Rubino from Civil Air Patrol spoke about the group using the basement of the Armory and some concerns about unauthorized people going down to the basement. He wanted to introduce himself to the commission for future interactions.

**Committee Updates**

**Facility Use**

**Fuessenich Park**

* John Strawson, Forman School, baseball game on May 5, 2023. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.

**Armory**

* Sam Muni, Avon basketball, basketball tournament, January 16, 2023. Pre-approved.

**Toro or Alvord**

* Brian and Erik Idrovo, Soccer League, weekly soccer games. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

**Coe Memorial Park**

* Jeff Seiser, Boy Scouts, Flag Placements, May 6, 2023. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.

**Teen Center**

* Ashley Watkins, birthday party, April 29, 2023. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval. $250 fee and proof of insurance needed.

**Programs:** Ed McCann reported:

* Working on summer concerts
* Met with summer staff on playground program. West Torrington was undesirable and Durand St. has no water. Possibility of changing hours to accommodate working parents.
* Met with Shannon Sharack in regards to the pool.
* Pickle ball at the Armory. Paddles would have to have rubber edging or be taped to avoid damaging the floor. We would purchase nets and some equipment. Possibly two days a week. On a motion by Fran Ducotey and seconded by Mike Fritch, the commission voted unanimously to have pickle ball at the Armory.
* Easter Egg Hunt will be April 1st at the THS football field.
* There were between 40 and 50 at the first winter concert at Coe Memorial Park.
* Casey McKenna reported that there will be a meeting on Friday, February 10th in regards to Vocal Showcase.
* Sports: A softball meeting will be held after the commission meeting. The Teen Center would like a basketball hoop. Mike Fritch says there is a metal pipe that could be used in storage at THS.

**Capital/Budget**: Ray Drew said there is nothing to report as of now.

**Facility Operations**: No report.

**Coe Memorial Park**: No meeting minutes available as there has not been any meetings held. Stage lighting has been installed. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15th.

**Old Business**: None

**New Business**:

* Chris Paganini has offered to clean the carpets at the Teen Center.
* Pat Fairchild reported on the Memorial Service for Brett on March 25th. Ed sent the poster about the service to the Connecticut Parks Association.

**Other Business**: Fran Ducotey asked if Brett’s position has been posted. Ray Drew said that the job description of the Recreation Director is being updated.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Mike Fritch with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.