

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2022

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Armory. In attendance were commissioners Fran Ducotey, 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 May 4, 2022 commission meeting.

Correspondence: None

Citizen's Comments: None

Committee Updates

Facility Use:

Coe Memorial Park

1. Jesus Blanco Vazquez, Griffin Hospital, for vaccination clinic on May 30, 2022. Pre-approved.
2. Jennifer Langendoerfer from the Little Guild, for Pittie Party, September 10, 2022. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

Armory Parking Lot

1. Maria Coutant Skinner and John Simoncelli for Narcan Distribution every Wednesday from 10:00 to 2:00. Motion to approve with Superintendent contact by Casey McKenna, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.

Toro Field

1. Wedding ceremony on August 20, 2022. Motion to approve pending submission of paperwork by Casey McKenna, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.

Programs:

Superintendent reported:

- Auditions for Vocal Showcase changed from Coe Memorial Park to the Armory on June 4th.
- Touch a Truck at Lowe's on June 4th.
- Fireworks, July 8 by Zambelli's.
- Pageant of Drums, July 16. Commissioners who are volunteering should be at Fuessenich by 4:00.
- Finalization of summer concerts.
- Collecting registrations for summer playground program.
- Five lifeguards hired so far with the possibility of two more.
- Opening date of pool and splash pad will be June 24th with a closing of August 14th.

Sports:

- Softball is in progress.
- Bill Nataro is collecting registrations for summer basketball.

Capital/Budget

- Pond Management program will resume in the fall.
- New guard rail will be installed at Alvord Park.
- Timber harvest will resume soon.
- Fence around Skateboard Park to be stored at Water Pollution plant. The ramps will be removed and stored. The dugouts and fence around THS softball field will be repurposed.
- One pickle ball court will be ready by the end of June.
- Top soil application and hydra seeding of Dog Park is being planned.

Facility Operations

- Maintenance of fields ongoing.

Coe Memorial Park

- Minutes of the Coe Memorial Park Committee were received and reviewed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: None;

Adjournment: On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Casey McKenna, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.