

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 5:00 P.M. **Meeting Location:** Armory

Call to order: Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.

Roll Call: Members present: Patricia Fairchild, Fran Ducotey, Jim Pescatore, and Superintendent Brett Simmons

Previous Minutes Approval: On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2020 commission meeting.

On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2020 special meeting held at Christmas Village.

Correspondence: Letter of thanks from Joe Paganini.

Citizen's Comments: None

Facility Use:

1. A gentleman addressed the commission requesting use of the Armory gym for basketball games for local children. The commission and Superintendent Simmons stated that at this time, the gym is not being utilized per covid regulations.
2. On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, a request for the use of Toro II from George Perlotto was tabled due to lack of information.
3. On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to accept all pre-approved facility and field requests.

Programs

Brett Simmons reported: The Fall/Winter Brochure is on-line and will be updated as we go along. There has not been that much success in the responses for our Halloween events. There has not been much success with participation in our virtual programs. Another meeting will be set up on Christmas Village to make further plans. There have been small groups walking at the Armory.

Sports

Softball is wrapping up. Basketball has been pushed off until January with a wait and see consideration.

Capital Budget

Brett has been working with the contractor on the Besse Pond project. He states that the company is very efficient and good to work with.

Three bids have been received for the splash pad project. The commission recommends the company that the city feels can complete the work successfully. The funds to pay for the splash pad will come from the Rec 200 account and the Besse Trust.

Facility Operations

There will be a meeting with Energy Resources in regards to Coe Memorial Park.

Coe Park

There will be a meeting on Christmas lighting options for the park on Tuesday, October 13th at 11:00 a.m with Rileigh's.

There have been no official meetings of the Coe Memorial Park Committee due to a lack of a quorum.

The copper beech tree is on schedule to be taken down by Mike Zaharek.

A meeting was recently held in regards for safety concerns at the park. Brett will prepare an RFP for surveillance systems for Coe Memorial Park, Franklin Square, and the Dog Park.

On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson and Acting Secretary