Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2023

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Armory. In attendance were commissioners Jim Pescatore, Mike Fritch, Casey McKenna and Recreation Director Bobby Pentino,

**Adoption of Previous Month’s Minutes**: Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Pat Fairchild. Two votes in approval and abstentions by Mike Fritch and Casey McKenna.

**Correspondence:** None

**Citizen’s Comments**: None

**Committee Updates**

**Facility Use**

**Coe Memorial Park**

1. Kristia Carey, Susan B. Anthony Project, for Domestic Violence Vigil, October 5, 2023. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.
2. Shakwlina Wilson, Mix of Paints, for Youth Fall Festival, October 21, 2023, rain date October 22, 2023. Motion to approve pending insurance coverage by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.
3. Kristy Barto, Torrington Cultural District, for Hispanic Heritage Festival, September 30, 2023. Motion to table because of lack of information by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.
4. Peggy Hotchkiss, UNICO, for Italian Mayor of the Day, October 12, 2023. Motion to approve by Mike Fritch seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

**Armory**

1. Anthony DeRosa, Torrington Christian Academy, for basketball games, November 8, 2023 to February 17, 2024. Motion to approve by Mike Fritch, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.

**Alvord Park, Bishop Donnelly, Toro**

1. Matthew English, TYS, for soccer, fall 2023. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.

**Programs**

Recreation Director Pentino reported:

1. Nightmare on South Main St., October 14, 2023, at the Armory.
2. Presented commissioners with design for pickle ball courts behind the Armory.
3. Commissioner Fritch reiterated the request for benches at Durand St. pickle ball/tennis courts. He also requested that the court be painted.
4. Property owned at Torringford West St. will be possibly used for pickle ball courts.
5. Construction of two bocce courts to be started at Fuessenich Park grassy area.
6. Teen Center has opened.
7. Community Pass is in operation.
8. Commissioner McKenna reported that Northwest Vocal Showcase went very well.
9. The 75th Anniversary Christmas ornaments will be sold for $20 this year at the various Christmas functions.

**Sports**

1. Women’s Home Run Derby was very successful.
2. Men’s Home Run Derby will be September 29th.
3. There are 6 teams in the coed tournament.
4. Men’s and Women’s Fall softball leagues are starting.

**Capital/Budget**: No report

**Facility Operations**

1. Next year there will be a permanent fence at Ruwet Park.

**Coe Memorial Park**: No minutes included in packet.

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Casey McKenna, the commission voted unanimously to approve the removal of the existing door knob and replacement of an additional lockset in a commercial series for the door toward the front of the Civic Center, Litchfield St. side of the building.

**Old Business**: None

**New Business**: None

**Other Business**: Chairperson Fairchild distributed information on the responsibilities and status of being a commissioner.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Mike Fritch, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.