

## **Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – 5:00 PM. Meeting Location: Armory

**Call to order:** Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson

**Roll Call:** Members present: Patricia Fairchild, Jim Pescatore, Mike Fritch, and Superintendent Brett Simmons

**Previous Minutes Approval:** On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Mike Fritch, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2020 Commission meeting.

**Correspondence:** A compliment written on our Facebook page by Misti Doherty in praise for the great work that goes into our fields.

**Citizens Comments:** None

**Facility Use:**

**Coe Memorial Park:**

- Pre-Approved for 11/21/20, Request by Ashley Innella from the Little Guild for the Pittie Party Vaccine Clinic.
- Request from Jeff Seiser, Cub Scout Pack 3, for Pinewood Derby Weigh – In and Race Day on 1/15/21 and 1/16/21. Motion to approve by Mike Fritch, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval with a fee of \$25 per hour.

**Armory:**

- Chris Smedick, PAL, for various dates from November 9, 2020 through March 1, 2021 for basketball tryouts, practices, and games. Motion to approve by Mike Fritch, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.

### **Programs**

Brett Simmons reported: Trunk or Treat went very well. Four houses participated in the Halloween Decorating Contest with the house on Oxford Way chosen as the best. There are seven people enrolled in the babysitting course. On November 27, the Commission will serve hot chocolate and popcorn in Coe Memorial Park from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. On November 28, there will be a story walk and other activities at Franklin Plaza. Christmas Village is being prepped for the opening. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, WZBG will help promote the Parks and Recreation Department's efforts to collect donations for Christmas Village.

## **Sports**

Because of Covid-19 regulations, the start of the Young Men's basketball league is uncertain.

## **Capital/Budget**

The splash pad project is underway with Construction Services of New England as the chosen contractor. The project should be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup> of 2021. There will be a two-phase fence project at Toro fields over the next two fiscal years. Over the winter, there will be a bid for the Bannon St. basketball court renovation. There will be some playground replacements at Oxbow, Sharon Ave. and Toro. An MOU has been given to Aaron Knickerbocker for the disc golf course. Information on the rules and regulations for the use of Franklin Plaza are enclosed in the commission's packet.

**Facility Operations:** The public works employees are working on decorating Coe Memorial Park and the city for Christmas. All baseball/softball fields have been closed down.

**Coe Memorial Park:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Other Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Mike Fritch, the commission voted to adjourn at 5:53 PM.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson and Acting Secretary