

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes

March 3, 2021 Meeting

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at the Armory. In attendance were Commissioners Fran Ducotey, Mike Fritch, Jim Pescatore, and Superintendent Brett Simmons.

Adoption of Previous Month's Minutes – No minutes available.

Correspondence: Brett received emails from Theresa Rinaldi, Maggie Allred, Dora Carr, and Mark Dailey.

Citizen's Comments: RJ Poniatoski and Joe McCoy addressed the commission with their concerns over the new field use fees.

Facility Use:

Coe Memorial Park

1. Request from Maddie Stenson, Northwest CT. Arts Council, for Saturday, August 14th, 2021, for Litchfield Hills Creative Festival. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.
2. Request from Rev. Angela Boratko, Torrington Four Square Church, for Thursday, May 6, 2021, for Torrington National Day of Prayer. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval with fees.

Franklin Plaza

1. Request from Lisa McDonald, Underground Truffles, for Friday, March 19, 2021, for Spring Market on Franklin. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by /Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval with fees.

West Torrington

1. Chris Smedick, Torrington PAL, for Friday, March 5, 2021, for Winter Sledding. Pre-approved and co-sponsored by Park and Rec.

Alvord Park

1. Nicholas Coito, CT Roundnet Federation, for March 20, 2021, for Spikeball/Roundnet. Motion to pre-approve by Fran Ducotey and a second by Jim Pescatore pending proper field conditions, and insurance.

Alvord Park and Toro

1. Request by Mike Fritch, Torrington Youth Soccer, for various dates from April through June. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey with a second by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.

Programs: Brett Simmons reported:

1. Brochure still incomplete.
2. All programs seem to be in favor of being held this summer.
3. Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 27th, at THS turf field.
4. July 9th date for fireworks with a carnival. July 10th rain date.
5. Summer concerts at Coe Park to be scheduled for late June to Mid-August.
6. Possible movie night at THS parking lot in July.
7. Teen Center to be used as a rain site for summer playgrounds.
8. Babysitting course to be offered on May 1, 2021.
9. Northwest Vocal Showcase will take place. Site to be determined.

Sports: Brett Simmons reported:

1. The chance of Summer Basketball happening is yet to be determined.
2. Last year the softball program took a hit as a result of Covid.
3. Discussion took place on buying bats with the result being it is not cost effective to supply the bats.

Capital/Budget

1. The splash pad is being worked on for the June opening.
2. There will be a new backstop padding for Fuessenich Park.
3. There are plans in the works for some playground renovations.

Facility Operations

1. There is a contract for the timber harvest.
2. The disc golf course is still being worked on by Aaron Knickerbocker.

Coe Memorial Park

1. Minutes were provided by the Coe Memorial Park Committee.
2. Kathy Renzullo offered to be the committee's representative on the Christmas in Torrington committee.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Other Business – None

On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson and Acting Secretary