

Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes

May 5, 2021 Meeting

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at Coe Memorial Park Civic Center. In attendance were Commissioners Jim Pescatore, Fran Ducotey, Mike Fritch, Casey McKenna, and Superintendent Brett Simmons.

Adoption of Previous Month's Minutes: On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2021 commission meeting.

Correspondence: None

Citizen's Comments: None

Committee Updates

Facility Use:

1. **Sue Grossman Still River Greenway:** Denise Fay (Trailcize Fitness Classes) for various dates. Motion to table by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.
2. **Coe Memorial Park:**
 - Peggy Hotchkiss (UNICO) for Columbus Day, October 12, 2021. Motion by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch, unanimous approval.
 - Jessica Knudson Green (TEAR), Celebration of Hope & Wellness, October 2, 2021, pre-approved.
 - Harris Daigle, (Torrington Symphony Orchestra), Orchestra Practice on July 21st and 28th, and August 4th, 2021. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.
3. **Besse Pool and Park:**
 - Chris Smedick (PAL) Picnic and Swimming, August 5, 2021. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
 - Melissa Viscariello (ED Advance) Summer Swimming Program, June 28 to August 18, 2021 on Monday and Wednesdays. Motion to table pending staffing and pool capacity by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.
4. **Franklin Plaza:**
 - Lisa McDonald (Underground Truffles) Franklin Fair on May 29, 2021. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.
 - Charlotte Rossi for Feast Your Eyes on Litchfield Hills on July 10, 2021. Motion to table pending fees, proper permits, and insurance by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna and unanimous approval.
5. **Toro I or II and Fuessenich**
 - Ray Tanguay (OWTS) as needed. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
6. **Teen Center**
 - Mildred Extremera Clarke for Birthday Party on May 15, 2021. Pre-approved.

Programs:

Superintendent Simmons reported:

- Many programs are uncertain because of low staffing. He is trying various ways to get staff.
- Northwest Vocal Showcase – Various dates and information provided in the enclosed flyer.
- Touch A Truck, June 5, 2021, at Lowe's.
- Sky Hawks Youth Sports – information included in enclosed flyer.
- Enclosed folders include information on Junior Science Fun Lab, Rocket Science, Babysitting Safety and CPR Certification, 2021 Summer Action&Adventure Program, and MAD Science programs.
- Pageant of Drums on August 7, 2021. Contracts have been sent out.
- Summer Concerts in Coe Memorial Park have been booked starting June 22 and ending August 13 with the Mayor's Polka Night on August 27.

Sports:

- Softball starts Monday, May 9, 2021.
- Information on Summer Basketball program included in the packet.

Capital/Budget:

- There have been many extras that have had to be dealt with in the Splash Pad construction.
- Pond Management Program is in progress.
- Skateboard Park relocation is not conclusive

Facility Operations:

- Operations are up and running for getting the fields ready.
- There are some groups who have not paid for field use.

Coe Memorial Park:

Minutes from the Coe Memorial Park Committee were received. Commissioners thank Judy Addazio for her years of service to the committee.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.

Minutes submitted by

Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson