

## **Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission**

### **Minutes**

#### **August 4, 2021 Meeting**

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Armory. In attendance were Commissioners Fran Ducotey, Jim Pescatore, Mike Fritch, Casey McKenna, and Superintendent Brett Simmons.

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

**Correspondence:** None

**Citizen's Comments:** None

#### **Committee Updates**

##### **Facility Use:**

##### **1. Coe Memorial Park**

- Jeremy Leifert for Clean Up September 18, 2021. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna. Unanimous approval.
- Deborah Bournival, St. John Paul the Great Parish, for outdoor Mass, September 9, 2021. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch. Unanimous approval.
- Brian Mattiello, CHH, for various dates on every other Monday. Pre-approved.
- Ali Psomas, for Empathy 9/11 Project with THS, September 20, 21, 22. Motion to table pending further information by Mike Fritch, seconded by Jim Pescatore. Unanimous vote.
- Ralph Baker, CHH, Meet and Greet, August 25, 2021. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna. Unanimous approval.

##### **2. Franklin Plaza**

- Chief Towey, TFD, Promotional Ceremony, August 9, 2021. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch. Unanimous approval.

##### **3. Toro I and II**

- Chris Fisher, USSSA, for Softball Tournament on October 2, 2021. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey. Unanimous approval.

##### **4. Various fields**

- Mike Fritch, TYS, for Fall Soccer games with \$150 a week fee. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Casey McKenna. Commissioners Pescatore, Ducotey, and McKenna voted to approve with an abstention by Mike Fritch.

##### **Programs:**

Superintendent Simmons reported:

- Pageant of Drums on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.
- Northwest Vocal Showcase at the Warner Theater on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

- Mayor's Polka Night, Friday, August 27, at Coe Memorial Park.
- End of Summer Waterfest on Thursday, August 26, at Major Besse Park.

#### **Sports:**

Superintendent Simmons reported:

- Softball playoffs will take place at the end of August.
- Summer basketball will end in a week and a half.

#### **Capital/Budget**

Superintendent Simmons reported:

- Splash Pad almost completed with the water features, plantings, and fencing. Its grand opening will be next year.
- The recruiting of staff for next year will begin in the Fall.

#### **Facility Operations:**

Superintendent Simmons reported that the department is still waiting for some teams to pay their balances for field use. If they do not pay, they will not be allowed to play at Fuessenich Park.

**Coe Memorial Park:** No minutes received.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Christmas Village will open on Sunday, December 12, 2021 with a parade. There will be a Toy Shower, but no VIP night.

**Other Business:** None

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Fran Ducotey with a second by Jim Pescatore, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Minutes written and submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.