**Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 5, 2023**

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Armory. In attendance were Vice –Chairman Fran Ducotey, Commissioners Jim Pescatore, Mike Fritch, and Recreation Director Bobby Pentino. Chairperson Fairchild welcomed Bobby to his first commission meeting.

**Adoption of Previous Month’s Minutes**: May 3, 2023 meeting – Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.

June 7, 2023 meeting – Motion to approve by Mike Fritch, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.

**Correspondence:** None

**Citizen’s Comments** – None

**Committee Updates**

**Facility Use**

Coe Memorial Park

1. Ed Cannata, Watermelon Festival, August 5, 2023. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.
2. Ed Cannata, Watermelon Festival, August 2024. Motion to approve by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey and unanimous approval.
3. Ed Cannata requested that additional trash containers be purchased and stored at Coe Memorial Park for events that take place in the park. Motion to purchase by Mike Fritch, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval. Bobby will look into this purchase.

PAL, Brie Pergola, three requests tabled pending further clarification. Motion to table by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch and unanimous approval.

1. August 11, 2023 Cops and Kids Pool Party.
2. July 29th, Fuessenich Park parking for Summer Fest.
3. July 29th, Armory use for 3v3 basketball tournament in case of rain.

Fuessenich Park Parking lot, TPLS ( Tio Pocho Liga Sporting) for Ecuadorian Festival, August 6, or 13, 2023. Suggestion made to look into Franklin Plaza. Motion to approve pending if electricity is available at Fuessenich by Mike Fritch, seconded by Jim Pescatore and unanimous approval.

Franklin Plaza

1. Crumbs, Christine Harding, July 2, 9, 16, 23 for Sunday Brunch outside the store. Motion was pre-approved. There will be no fees

**Programs**

Director Pentino reported:

1. Looking into putting turf infields at Toro.
2. Men’s Softball Battle at Toro, August 12, 2023.
3. Possible fall softball league.
4. Changing from My Rec to Community Pass.
5. Quick Scores added for sports information in one location.
6. Pickle ball courts to be built in back of Armory.
7. Bocce courts to be constructed in grassy area of Fuessenich parking lot.
8. Proposed Haunted House in Armory.
9. Fireworks are all set for Friday, July 7th.

**Capital/Budget**

1. Replacing playscape at Joe Ruwet.

**Facilities Operations**: No report

**Coe Memorial Park**: No minutes to review.

**Old Business**: Mike Fritch stated that there is still no bench at the pickle ball courts at Durand St. He also mentioned the need for trash containers there.

**New Business**: Fran Ducotey spoke about the possibility of creating a youth lacrosse league as there has been increased interest in the community.

**Other Business**: Chairperson Fairchild stated that the commission is very willing to support Bobby in his programs as has happened in the past.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Jim Pescatore and seconded by Mike Fritch, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Chairperson Patricia Fairchild.