

## **Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission**

### **Minutes**

#### **September 1, 2021 Meeting**

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. in the Armory. In attendance were Commissioners Fran Ducotey, Jim Pescatore, Mike Fritch, 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 August 4, 2021 commission meeting.

**Correspondence:** 1. Letter of praise from Tammy Chapman attending a softball tournament concerning the good condition of the field. 2. Letter from Jack Wallace offering congratulations for the success of the Pageant of Drums.

**Citizen's Comments:** None

#### **Committee Updates**

##### **Facility Use**

**Fuessenich Park:** AJ Poniatoski for Fall Baseball, various dates in September and October. Motion to approve by Mike Fritch, seconded by Fran Ducotey. Unanimous approval.

**Coe Memorial Park:** Ali Psomas, Empathy 9/11 Project with THS for 9/20, 9/21, and 9/22. Motion to approve by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Mike Fritch. Unanimous approval.

**Armory:** Chris Smedick for PAL basketball, various dates in October –March. Motion to approve by Mike Fritch, seconded by Fran Ducotey. Unanimous approval.

##### **Programs**

###### **Superintendent Simmons reported:**

- Summer camps went well. Great staff. Looking into camps during Christmas and April vacations.
- Pageant of Drums went very well. Lots of positive feedback.
- Northwest Vocal Showcase held at the Warner went well.
- Water Festival at Oak Ave. went very well.
- Mayor's Polka Night went well with a lower turnout than in past years.
- Trunk or Treat, October 23, will be the same procedure as last year.
- Possible Movie in the Park around Halloween.

##### **Sports**

###### **Brett reported:**

- Summer basketball went well.
- Some softball issues still need to be resolved.

**Capital/Budget:** No new updates

**Facility Operations:** Starting to look into Christmas Village work.

**Coe Memorial Park:** No minutes. Concern about the newly planted copper beech tree as it seems to be in distress. Mike Zaharek will monitor it.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Fran Ducotey has been in contact with the Soup Kitchen. They may be able to give their extra lunches to the Teen Center.

**Other Business:** None

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Jim Pescatore and a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson.