Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes

June 2, 2021 Meeting

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a regular meeting of the Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in Coe Memorial Park Civic Center. In attendance were Commissioners Fran Ducotey, Jim Pescatore, Mike Fritch, and Superintendent Brett Simmons.

Adoption of Previous Month’s Minutes: On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Mike Fritch, the commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2021 commission meeting.

Correspondence: None

Citizen’s Comments: None

Committee Updates

Facility Use:

1. Fuessenich Park: Chris Fisher, Collinsville Riva Rats, for game on July 11, 2021. Motion by Mike Fritch, seconded by Fran Ducotey. Unanimous approval.

2. Coe Memorial Park:
   - Joel Sekorski, Sullivan Senior Center, for Picnic in the Park, September 15, 2021. Motion by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Mike Fritch. Unanimous approval.
   - Ralph Baker, CHH, Meet and Greet, August 25, 2021. Motion to hold the date pending further information by Fran Ducotey, seconded by Jim Pescatore. Unanimous approval.

3. On a motion by Jim Pescatore with a second by Fran Ducotey, the commission voted unanimously to approve all the pre-approved facility requests.

Programs:

Superintendent Simmons reported:

- Touch a Truck, Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Lowe’s.
- Vocal Showcase, first auditions Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Coe Memorial Park.
- Outdoor Movie, Friday, June 18, 2021, Coe Memorial Park
- Summer Concert Series in Coe Memorial Park begin Tuesday, June 22, and end August 17.
  Mayor’s Polka Night, August 27, 2021.
- Fireworks and Carnival, Friday, July 9, 2021.
- Babysitting Course, June 12, 2021.
- Brett outlined the various camps and programs planned for the summer as presented in our packets.
• Summer Action and Adventure Program looks encouraging with 22 participants so far. There will possibly be only one location for the camp. There will be no before or after care this year. Possible more on-site programs.
• Pool is not looking good in regards to the staffing needed. There is not enough to open the pool right now. Brett is looking into alternate ways to open it this summer.
• The splash pad should be opened by the end of June, beginning of July.

Sports:
• Brett and Jim have been holding softball meetings.
• Bill and Ryan are working to put together the summer basketball program.

Capital/ Budget
• Brett has been attending budget meetings. He said there would be no planning for projects until we know how much we are working in regards to a capital budget.

Facility Operations
• Fees for field use have been coming in. Still have some that are outstanding.

Coe Memorial Park
• Minutes from the Coe Memorial Park Committee were included in the meeting packet.

Old Business: None
New Business: None
Other Business: None

Adjournment: On a motion by Jim Pescatore, seconded by Fran Ducotey, the commission meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson