Parks and Recreation
Board of Parks and Recreation
Tuesday, July 16, 2019
Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

In Attendance: Beth Manke Huvagner, Eileen Francolino, Mary Beth Kelliher, Ed Marchion, Alan Nafis, Don Woods

Council Representation: Tim Manke, Diana Serra

Staff: Bill DeMaio, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

Acceptance of minutes: Eileen Francolino motions to accept previous minutes

    Ed Marchion seconds

Public Participation

    Mark Siems 131 Knollwood Road— part manager of the CT Brawlers

Request for reduced fields fees etc.

    • He has recently taken over the role of partner general manager
    • Discussion about past experiences in working with the team

    Bill asked if the team could pay three weeks ahead of time

    Mark – yes

Board discussed Mark’s request

    Lengthy discussion ensued. Bill suggested giving them $100 off. Board members agreed to this

Eileen Francolino motions: after verifying particulars presented and receiving necessary information that Superintendent of Parks and Recreation requested, permission is granted by the Board to rent the field to the CT Brawlers at regular price for the first two games in a row and at the third game the Board can consider offering $100 off of the total cost of the rental.

    Motion second by Beth Manke Huvanger – vote to accept was unanimous

Correspondence: None at this time

Reports: In packets provided for each board member to review. No other comments made or questions asked.

Meeting Cancellation: Motion made by Don Woods to cancel the August Board Meeting

    Alan Nafis seconds the motion – vote is unanimous
Town Hall/ Community Center renovation:

Report made by Don Woods included temporary ramp being put in while building is taking place, findings about contamination of soil not being as bad as expected and contractors giving positive report on progress.

Request was made to inquire about what type of lighting would be used in the gymnasium; Don Woods and Ed Marchion would like windows that would bring in the natural light.

MDC issues – water and sanitary line too close to the town hall, may have to relocate the pipes.

Extravaganza:

- Pools will not be open for use on Saturday during the event
- Payments: Customers will be able to use credit cards to buy carnival, beer and wine.
- Cooling: Plans were made to mitigate the heat – the Parks and Recreation Department will be renting shade tents, offering free coolers of water, distributing large blocks of ice for cooling stations, installing misting tents and encouraging all to hydrate.

Summer Projects: A new fence was installed at Center Cemetery

ADA conference: Bill sent report, he is current president of the ADA Connecticut Coalition.

Park bench at Mill Pond: Claire Young donated $2000 to build bench in memory of husband.

New dedication of tree policy:

- Bill updated that the Parks and Recreation is working on a tree dedication policy the will be presented to the Board in the future.

Motion to adjourn: made by Beth Manke Huvagner

- Eileen seconded motion, vote was unanimous