

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes of the March 19, 2014 Regular Meeting**

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A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on March 19, 2014, 10th Floor Operations Conference Room, Stamford Government Center.

In attendance were:

Commissioners: Joe Andreana
 Mike Macari
 Althea Brown

Staff: Laurie Albano
 Kevin Murray

Guests: Lynne Colatrella – D.S.S.D.

 Emely Provonsha – D.S.S.D.

 Ashley Powell – Tent Crusade

 Margie Pinto-Leite – Cloonan Walk-a-thon

 Jon Stellwagen – Run for Health & Hunger 5K

 Gina Aiello – Zumba Fundraiser at West Beach

 Beatrice Chodosh – Flash Mob

 Ana M. Badash – Flash Mob

 Rodrigue Anilus – Light & Life Evangelical Crusade

 Robert Katchko – SALL Score Board Replacement

 E.J. Donahue – SALL Score Board Replacement

 Nick Vivona – SALL Score Board Replacement

 Beth Cooper – SALL Score Board Replacement

 Robert Pepi – Use of Lione Soccer Field

Colin Saunders – West Beach Permits

Rich Santer – West Beach Permits

Shahzad Khawaja – Cricket Tournaments

Hamid Kiani – Cricket Tournaments

Francheska Velasquez – Co-Ed Softball

Tiffany Polite – Softball Tournament

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Joe Andreana.

Mr. Winston did not attend the meeting.

Review of the February 19, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Macari made a motion to table the February 19, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes to the April 2014 Commission meeting. Mr. Macari and Mr. Andreana were the only Commissioners present at the February meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Staff Reports

Laurie Albano – Recreation

- Budget reports/presentation has been submitted.
- Budget for Terry Conners Rink is \$791,405.
- Budget for Recreation \$2,127,006.
- The next round of Budget Hearings will be March 26, 2014 with the Board of Finance and April 1, 2014 with the Board of Representatives.
- Busy with prep season for spring and summer.
- Spring registration and summer camp registration went very well.
- Ms. Albano will be meeting with and permitting fields/courts for sanctioned users.

- Baseball and Soccer meetings for all the sanctioned adult teams took place last week. Next week Recreation will meet with the Cricket users.
- Currently in the process of hiring and interviewing counselors, lifeguards and tram drivers.
- Recreation is preparing our internal softball, beach volleyball and kickball adult leagues.
- Recreation revenues are down a little bit, but we still have four months to the end of the Fiscal Year, the big numbers start coming in the spring. At the moment we are down about \$82,000 from last year.
- Terry Conners Rink revenue is down under \$54,000.
- Recreation will be adding survey monkey links for Aquatic and Rec programs to our Website.
- Date for the Fireworks is July 3rd with a rain date of July 5th. City is in the process of getting donations.
- Still no rental decision from Manhattanville College for winter 14/15 for Terry Conners Ice Rink.
- The mansard work on the roof at Terry Conners Rink has just been spec'd and sent out to bid by the Engineering Department.
- Central American Soccer League (CASL)/Dan Rivas wants more time on Lione field, but there is not much time left over after Cricket. Once the Cricket schedules come in, there might be some Sundays available.
- Ms. Albano would like to add to the April Agenda discussion on permitting Lione Park to sanctioned users.
- Mr. Macari asked Ms. Albano to give a schedule of the field use at Lione Park during May, June, July and August.

Kevin Murray – Parks

- **Barrett Park** – Contractor has continued work, they are still working on drainage and will start to work on entrance pathway. There is no completion date yet, but work is ongoing.

There will be no interference on the field or the permitted pavilion for the summer. Currently the playground is safed-off; Mr. Andreana asked to make sure that the

contractor takes more positive safety measures for all areas in the park.

- **Kosciuszko Park Pathway/Revetment Project from Storm Damage** – Per the Engineering Department DTC Contractor has submitted design plans for pathways and seawall revetment, targeted completion date is set for July 1, 2014.
- **Memorial Bench** – Mr. Murray distributed information from City vendor M.E. O'Brien on green products. Mr. Andreana would like to know the cost and pros and cons of the different types of benches.
- **Scalzi #3 Turf Work to Begin** – Schedule is for City manpower to rototill outfield grass area and outside vendor to grade and hydro seed. The cost of the project would be around \$50,000, with City manpower there will be a cost reductions of \$25,000 from Phase 3 Project. Work will begin this Saturday; contractor will come to do his part next week. The goal is to have permitted play in mid-May. They will be bringing in 150 yards of topsoil.
- Working with the Board of Education Facilities to turn over Westover School field. The Board of Education will be using the same vendors that we use. They will be bringing in 154 yards of topsoil. Board of Education is paying for the work.
- First wave of Park seasonal employees will start on Monday, March 24th. Will be bringing employees back per budget guidelines into the 2014 season and will look to have 30 employees dispatched into parks in various roles.
- Sharkey Laureno Plaque will be installed by City carpenters as soon as weather warms. Sharkey Committee raised funds to put back plaque at Scalzi Field #1 after it was stolen last season. Plaque will be installed to original stone.

Consent Agenda

Judd Bell – Sharkey Laureno Scholarship Fund – Use of Cubeta Stadium for Tournament – Monday, August 4, 2014 to Sunday, August 17, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Week Days – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the Weekend.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

George Hallenbeck – Stamford Sail & Power Squadron – Use of West Beach for Annual Flare Up (Hands on Fire Extinguishers and Flares) – Monday, June 2, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 5:00 p.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 9:15 p.m. – 65 Adults and 10 Children.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Jon Stellwagen – Kids In Crisis – Use of Cummings Beach – The 2014 Navigators Stamford KIC IT Triathlon – Sunday, June 22, 2014 – 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts on Saturday, June 21, 2014 and Clean-Up Ends on Sunday, June 22, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. – 1,200 Adults and 200 Children.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Jon Stellwagen – Kids in Crisis – Use of Cove Island Park – The 2014 Navigator Stamford KIC IT KIDS Triathlon Timeline – Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts on Friday, June 20, 2014 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Clean-Up Ends on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. – 250 Adults and 250 Children.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

David Winston – Cove Island Wildlife Sanctuary – Request for 15 Volunteer Parking Passes for the 2014 Season.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Special Events

Lynne Colatrella – D.S.S.D. 2014 Events.

- Ms. Colatrella requested permission to use parks for certain events for the D.S.S.D.'s 2014 events.
- Street Seats in Stamford Downtown – Art in Public Places. June – August 2014. Use of all downtown parks.
- Alive@Five Outdoor Summer Concert Series – Thursday evenings, July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2014 – 5:00 p.m. at Columbus Park.
- Jazz Up July – Wednesday evenings, July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. at Columbus Park.

- Arts & Crafts on Bedford – September 20 & 21, 2014 – Use of Latham Park.
- Heights & Lights Rappelling Santa and Holiday Tree Lighting – Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. – Use of Latham Park for tree lighting.
- Art Walk – June 27, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and June 28, 2014 – 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Kids Draw Free – Saturdays May 15, 2014 through October 30, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Kiwanis Park.

Ms. Brown made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Mr. Macari

Unanimously Approved

Bishop Ashley Powell – Greater Works Community Church of God – Use of Jackie Robinson Park for Tent Crusade – Sunday, July 6, 2014 to Friday, July 11, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts on Saturday, July 5, 2014 and Clean-Up ends on Saturday, July 12, 2014 – 250 Adults and 100 Children.

- Commission will allow set-up of the tent on Thursday, July 3rd to allow for inspection since Friday, July 4th the offices in the Building Department will be closed. Tent cannot be used on Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5, 2014.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve request with a set-up date of Thursday, July 3, 2014 and not used until Sunday, July 6, 2014.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Margie Pinto-Leite – Use of Scalzi Park for Cloonan Walkathon – Thursday, May 22, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Rain Date Friday, May 23, 2014 – Set-Up Starts at 7:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 2:30 p.m. – 600 Students and 20-35 Adults.

- They will not need to use the pavilion.
- Clean-up will be done by adult volunteers.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Jon Stellwagen – Beaner Events LLC – Use of Cove Island Park for Run for Health and Hunger 5K – Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 6:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 10:30 a.m. – 150 Adults and 50 Children.

- The 5K will start at Chelsea Piers and go through Cove Island Park.
- Commission would like the company that hired Mr. Stellwagen to run the event, TMK Sports & Entertainment, to attend the April Commission meeting.

Mr. Macari made a motion to table to the April Commission meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Gina Aiello – Where Angels Play Foundation – Sandy Ground Playground Project – Fundraising Zumba Class at West Beach – May 8, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 10:30 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 12:30 p.m. – 50-100 Adults.

- The Zumba Class will benefit Sandy Ground Playground Project.
- Ms. Aiello will need to get approval from the Director of Operations for waiver of fee and parking passes.
- Participants will have to sign a waiver.
- Ms. Brown asked that the instructor accommodates seniors.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve request from Gina Aiello for use of West Beach for Fundraising Zumba Class for Sandy Ground Playground Project on May 8, 2014. We will do what we can to facilitate a parking waiver from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Rodrigue Anilus – Light and Life Association – Use of Jackie Robinson Park for Evangelical Crusade – Sunday, August 24, 2014 to Sunday, August 31, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – 500 Adults and 300 Children.

- Mr. Andreana stated that the Commission only allows six use days, one day for set-up and one day to take down the tent. Any use over six days will damage the grass and the event pre-empts others from using the park.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve Light and Life Evangelical Crusade with the caveat that they put up the tent on Monday, August 25, 2014, start crusade on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and end crusade on Sunday, August 31, 2014. Tent can be taken down on Monday, September 1, 2014 or Tuesday, September 2, 2014, but no use during those two days.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Beatrice Chodosh – Crisol/Acuarela – Use of Latham Park for Flash Mob for Immigration Reform – Wednesday, April 16, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- The mission of the organization is to help immigrants to adapt and integrate with society.
- The signs will be pro-Immigration Reform.
- Ms. Chodosh needs to contact the Police Department.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve subject to Police input as to whether they need additional supervision.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Old Business

No Old Business.

New Business

Erin McKenna – Request Permission to Put a Kiosk in Mianus River Park.

- Ms. McKenna asked that the request be tabled to the April 2014 Commission Meeting.

Bob Katchko – Stamford American Little League – Replacement of Existing Score Board.

- Mr. Katchko stated that Stamford American Little League would like to replace the existing Score Board at the Vine Road field. The old Score Board was damaged by a tree from the storm and it's in need of repair.
- If the old Score Board is repaired, Mr. Katchko would like permission to place it at the Kane Avenue field.
- Old Score Board and New Score Board are the same size.
- The Score Board has been ordered and paid for. Mr. Andreana stated that the league should not purchase or do any work on the field without coming in front of the Commission first.
- Mr. Katchko stated that Stamford American Little League share a field with Jackie Robinson League over at Northrop. Spoke to Jerry Pia and he told them where a Batting Cage could go up, if the City allows it they will put up a Batting Cage and pay for it. Stamford American Little League will share the Batting Cage with Jackie

Robinson League; they will also interleague with them.

- Mrs. Beth Cooper, previous President of Stamford American Little League, stated that when the Score Board was donated by Air Solutions, she signed a document that stated that if something changes on the part of the league, such as not wanting the Score Board anymore, Stamford American Little League will give Air Solution notice.
- Mr. Katchko stated that the Score Board is broken and not working and that they had little time to prepare for the new season given that the new Board of Directors just came on board.

Mr. Macari made a motion to allow Stamford American Little League to replace existing Score Board with a new Score Board, to be done immediately on the same footprint that currently exists. If any coordination with the City needs to take place they will coordinate with Phil D'Amico and Kevin Murray. To ensure that the old Score Board is returned, or at least, cooperate with the donor to return it to them. Let the donor know that Stamford American Little League's intention is to come back to the Parks & Recreation Commission and see if the Score Board could be re-purposed at another facility. If donor chooses not to, return Score Board to them, and it's their property. No commercial signs are allowed on the Score Board. No permanent sponsorship is allowed.

Seconded by Mrs. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Bob Pepi – Stamford Youth Soccer – Use of Lione Soccer Field for Soccer Training – Saturday, March 29, 2014 to Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- Stamford Youth Soccer League is requesting a permit to use Lione Soccer Field for three hours on Saturday mornings.
- This time will be used for traveling team training.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve request from Stamford Youth Soccer for the use of Lione Soccer Field contingent upon trying it this year, if there are no issues, then move forward. If Cricket needs the space, Stamford Youth Soccer will take second seat.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Colin Saunders – SASL Shoreline Adult Soccer League (Stamford United Over 40's League) – Request to Add Additional Team to His League.

- Mr. Colin Saunders from SASL stated that a third team has been added to the SASL League and is looking for seven extra slots on Sunday morning at West Beach

Soccer Field, so it does not interfere with Youth Soccer. The games will be played at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. from April 13, 2014 to June 29, 2014.

- No extra fields are required.
- Ms. Albano stated that the field time is available.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Tournaments

Shahzad Khawaja – Shaheen Cricket Club – Use of Lione Park for Cricket Tournament – Sunday, April 27, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- Mr. Andreana confirmed that all of Shahzad Khawaja's (Shaheen Cricket Club) tournaments should go on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Khawaja will have to fill out a Permit Form for each one of the tournaments and identify each one of them. If there is a brand new tournament that has never been done before, Mr. Khawaja should specify it on the Permit Form and he will have to attend the meeting.

Ms. Brown made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Mr. Macari

Unanimously Approved

Shahzad Khawaja – Shaheen Cricket Club – Use of Lione Park for Charity Cricket Tournament – Saturday, August 16, 2014 to Sunday, August 17, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Davette Stephens – Josh & Taylor Stephens Memorial Fund – Use of Cummings 1 & 2 for Co-Ed Softball – Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Tiffany Polite & Davette Stephens – Cornerstone COGIC – Use of Cummings 1 & 2 for Men's Softball – Saturday, August 9, 2014 – Rain Date Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Cannot charge for admission, they are allowed to ask for a donation.
- The Softball Tournament will be a fund raiser to raise funds in order to send the youth from the church to Florida.
- There will be about eight teams.

Mr. Macari made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Ms. Brown

Unanimously Approved

Correspondence

No Correspondence.

The next Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Macari

Seconded by Mr. Brown

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
March 25, 2014