

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting September 12, 2011**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011, at 8:00 PM at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia
SallyAnne Bauer
Bill Burley
Glenn Johnson
Scot Thomas

Absent: Rob Grasso
Bill Silas

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM.

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting held August 8, 2011
Special Meeting held August 18, 2011 (discussion only, no
quorum)

Glenn summarized both the KRP maintenance walk-through and the special discussion meeting for the members who did not attend. Approvals of the above meeting minutes were tabled until the next commission meeting for Rob's and Bill S.'s votes.

3. Visitors present: Roger Nemergut, Nemergut Consulting
Jason Nemergut, Nemergut Consulting

Roger and Jason Nemergut, of Nemergut Consulting, presented three scaled plans for the re-design of Sheldon Park, each with only minor differences. The plans utilize the existing gravel driveways with increased parking and include the horseshoe pits, pavilion, re-located playground, 2 little league baseball fields, one softball field, tennis court and a basketball court. The group then discussed the three options, all of which require minimal grading. Other features discussed include location of the batting cage, a possible concession building, the size and orientation of the 3 fields, drainage issues and the possibility of using an oversized basketball court by skateboarders (not a skateboard park). The commission also discussed the possibility of irrigation, the need for handicapped parking, a widened driveway to allow two-way traffic and the issues associated with lighting the fields. Dan noted that the well and the port-o-pottie, with its holding tank, are permanent features and the group discussed the difficulties with rest rooms. The group agreed that the third plan was the preferred design and Roger stated that they would incorporate the group's comments into their next design to be presented at the next meeting.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications from other agencies are emailed to the commission as received.

Dan circulated a note of thanks from Lori Marriott, Shoreline Focus on Fitness, for the use of Sheldon Park (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). He also presented a letter from Kate at Youth and Family Services questioning the status of the smoke-free initiative. The group discussed their options and decided to ask the user groups to suggest that parents/spectators not smoke at the parks.

b. The following bills were received:

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| Bill from Langer Contracting to mow Rocco (5), Bethke (5) and Sheldon (5), weed spray upper Sheldon, in the amount of | 2050.00 |
| bill from recording secretary Dawn Mooney, for July and August, in the amount of | 89.91 |
| bill from Prospect Hill, for one mowing at KRP, in the amount of | 375.00 |
| bill from Olsen Sanitation, for Rocco and Sheldon fields, in the amount of | 146.00 |
| bill from All-Ways Dumpsters, for August, for Sheldon, Rocco and Bethke, in the amount of | 105.00 |
| bill from Anthony Carri for 30 days, in the amount of | 270.00 |
| bill from CL&P in the amount of | 39.67 |
| second bill from CL&P in the amount of | 46.79 |
| third bill from CL&P in the amount of | 39.94 |
| fourth bill from CL&P in the amount of | 309.63 |

Dan noted that the All-Ways Dumpsters bill included a \$10.00 charge for an additional trash pick-up at Rocco Field resulting from the fundraiser for the Dog Days adoption event. The group agreed that the commission would donate the fee to the event. The commission also discussed the increase in the CL&P bill for KRP. Dan explained that he thinks Eric was running the irrigation system both mornings and afternoons in August, but he will look into it. Sallyanne questioned the cost of the woodchips for Sheldon Park, and it was decided to hold that question for treasurer Bill Silas. Also, Bill B. questioned the blinking lights at Sheldon and the group discussed turning them off and on as needed, or using a timer, to save energy and reduce costs. The commission will investigate this option for discussion at its next meeting.

***A motion was made by Sallyanne Bauer and seconded by Glenn Johnson to authorize payment of the above bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. No new applications were received.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Silas was absent.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance

- Rocco Field and Sheldon Field – Dan stated that hurricane Irene brought down two trees and much debris at Sheldon and one tree at Rocco that all

needed to be cleared immediately. Bill S. contacted Langer who cleared the parks quickly, but Sallyanne added that there is a dangerously splintered stump at Rocco that still needs to be removed, as well as an area behind home plate needing clearing. She also noted that the flagpole pulley at Rocco is broken. Scot will look into the pulley and noted that the dugout at Sheldon should be repaired soon. Dan also showed photos showing the utility pole attached to the backstop at upper Sheldon (third base end) is broken and leaning on a tree. He contacted Cathy Iino and Walter Adametz who determined it was safe, but Dan is nevertheless concerned it is a safety issue and wants it repaired or removed. The group discussed options, including replacing it with a metal pole.

- Bethke Fields – The members discussed the driveway gate, noting it was driven over. Dan advised that Bill S. is looking into solutions to the vandalism problem.
- KRP – Dan noted that the Board of Selectmen must award the maintenance contract, and distributed spreadsheets (a copy of which are attached to these minutes) comparing the three bids. Detailed discussion followed noting the amount in the 2011-2012 budget for maintenance. Greenscape was eliminated because they did not bid the mowing. It was noted that Langer Construction, a local business, gave the best price, provided service to the commission in the past and is reliable and responsive.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Scot Thomas to recommend Langer Construction to the Board of Selectmen to maintain the KRP for \$12,105.00 for 22 cuttings as attached. Motion passed unanimously.**

b. Killingworth Recreation Park (KRP) Development

- Phase I – Dan discussed the open irrigation contract with Winterberry Irrigation noting it is time that the matter be settled. Glenn explained that there are three outstanding bills: \$2049.00 for increased material costs due to construction delays, \$3060.20 dated 8/24/10 to finish the project and \$.50 dated 11/23/10. Dan reiterated that Eric is not happy with the coverage on the edges of the fields on windy days, explaining that Eric and Winterberry had discussed and agreed to 4 heads across the fields, but this was not agreed to in writing and was never conveyed to the construction crew who used the original plans to install the irrigation.

A motion was made by Sallyanne Bauer and seconded by Glenn Johnson to authorize Dan Colonia contact Winterberry Irrigation and attempt to negotiate a reduced balance to close out the irrigation contract on the spot. *

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Bill Burley to amend Sallyanne's motion to specify a balance reduction of \$500.00 or more to close out the irrigation contract on the spot. Motion passed unanimously.**

****Amended motion passed unanimously.**

- Phase II – nothing new to discuss.

c. Sheldon Park Re-Design – discussed earlier in the meeting.

7. New Business

New commission member Bill Burley was welcomed by the group.

8. Adjournment

***A motion was made by Sallyanne Bauer and seconded by Glenn Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Mooney
Recording Secretary

attachments