

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting March 12, 2012**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012, 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 (arrived at 8:15 PM)

Absent: Rob Grasso
Bill Silas

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting held February 13, 2012

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously. (Scot Thomas was not yet present.)**

3. Visitors present: Jim Duffield, HK Soccer Club

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications from other agencies are emailed to the commission as received. Dan added that he forwarded the Board of Selectmen minutes, as well as a letter from Eagle Scout candidate Eric Toman (a copy of which is attached to these minutes) apologizing for being unable to attend tonight's meeting and updating the commission on the status of his project.

b. The following bills were received:

Bill from CL&P, flashing sign, in the amount of	38.63
second bill from CL&P, flashing sign, in the amount of	38.63
third bill from CL&P, KRP, in the amount of	39.22
fourth bill from CL&P, Sheldon Park, in the amount of	38.74

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Scot Thomas to authorize payment of the above CL&P bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. The following applications were received:

- Application from HK Soccer Club for the use of KRP, weekdays 4/1/12 to 7/15/12, 5:00PM to dusk, and Sat/Sun 9:00AM to dusk.

***A motion was made by Sallyanne Bauer and seconded by Bill Burley to approve the above HK Soccer Club application as requested. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Application from HK Soccer Club for the use of KRP for soccer camp (number of fields depending on enrollment), weekdays 8/13/12 to 8/17/12, 4:00PM to 8:30PM.

Bill noted that this request may conflict with HK Youth Football's schedule and noted that HKYF may have to practice elsewhere during this time period.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to approve the above HK Soccer Club application for the use of KRP as requested. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dan stated that the following two applications were submitted on incorrect forms, noting that the field requests could be voted upon, but the actual applications must be resubmitted on the correct forms.

- Application from HK Recreation for the use of one multi-purpose field and parking area at KRP for Summer Soccer Fun camp, Tuesdays 7/12/12 to 8/9/12, 5:30PM to 7:30PM.

***A motion was made by Bill Burley and seconded by Scot Thomas to approve the above HK Recreation application for the use of KRP for Summer Soccer Fun as requested. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Application from HK Recreation for the use of one multi-purpose field and parking area at KRP for Fall Soccer league, 8/20/12 to 11/20/12, weekdays 4:30PM to dusk and Sat. 8:30AM to 4:00PM (Sun. as rain date)

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to postpone action on the above HK Recreation application for Fall Soccer league until the fields are in use. Sallyanne Bauer, Bill Burley, Scot Thomas in favor; Glenn Johnson opposed. Motion passed.**

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Silas was absent. Dan noted that approximately \$20,000 of the commission's budget has been expended, with about \$35,000 remaining. Dan also updated the group regarding the requested 2012-2013 budget, explaining that in his meeting with the Board of Selectmen they had no real questions regarding the operating budget. Selectman Lou Annino questioned the \$100,000 amount in the capital budget for Sheldon Park. He also questioned the order/timing of the projects, as well as the commission's "plan." Dan answered his questions explaining that previous Selectmen had suggested that the request for Sheldon funding be spread over several years, and he elaborated on the commission's master plan.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance

The commission discussed the list of maintenance issues uncovered at the fields walk-through (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). Dan summarized that the commission will take care of the infields at all three parks, including the green backstop field, and repair backstop, as well as clear fence lines, paint benches, dugouts and tables. Outfield holes will be filled and any loose signs attached. Dan will discuss work to be done with Bill Silas and Shawn Langer for a quote and will then seek commission

approval. Sallyanne stressed the need to have as much work as possible completed by the April 1 date, and she prioritized the jobs to be done.

- Sheldon Field – (discussed above)
- Rocco Field – Glenn informed the members that the Inland Wetlands Commission is requiring a permit and review for the drainage work at Rocco, which will result in a 3-foot strip of sod from second base through the outfield. It's hoped that the work will be done in one week in April, and KYL would agree to stay off the field during the time needed. The group also discussed a future re-grade of the field.
- Bethke Field – Dan noted that this field continues to be vandalized, most recently with the park sign damaged by blows from a bat-like object, and benches over-turned and stomped on but not broken. The commission discussed the possibility of this being done by an adult.
- KRP – Dan thanked Scot for his effort in cutting the downed tree and moving it into the woods. The group then discussed user groups moving their equipment to KRP and explained that a commission member could meet them at the gate to provide access or a key could be borrowed from town hall for a short time. Dan explained that the gate will be opened every morning and locked every night by a gatekeeper yet to be determined, adding that Bob Wettish is not interested in the job. Dan went on to note that user groups could have keys to the storage shed but care must be taken around the costly irrigation equipment housed in the shed. Also discussed was possible shelving in the shed and the need for signs prohibiting pets and horses on the fields. Dan said he will talk to Gina about the road crew making signs.

The commission then discussed opening celebration ideas for the town's new park noting field usage begins April 1. Dan stated that he discussed the April 15 date with Cathy Iino, but Sallyanne expressed concern about RD#17 vacation affecting attendance. Therefore, the group chose April 28 as a better option and added that would allow more time to notify the Killingworth Krier, state representatives, former selectmen and commission members and the town. Commission also discussed the option of user groups providing refreshments.

***A motion was made by Sallyanne Bauer and seconded by Scot Thomas to schedule April 28, 2012, time TBD, for KRP grand opening. Motion passed unanimously.**

The group noted there was no flagpole at KRP.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to authorize up to \$2,000 to purchase and install a flagpole at KRP, with location to be determined. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dan informed the group he received a quote of \$165.00/month from All Ways Dumpsters for trash removal at all four parks. Sallyanne read the details to the group specifying there would be 6 cans at KRP. Discussion of recycling options followed and the group agreed that recycling was important but would be difficult to police.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Scot Thomas to accept the All Ways Dumpsters quote for trash removal at all four parks. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dan presented and the commission discussed the 3 quotes Scot received from Fence World (2) and Eric Auer (1) (copies of which are attached to these minutes) for netting on the

north side of KRP. Dan stressed the need to select a vendor based on price and product only, with no other considerations.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Scot Thomas to approve the low bid vendor upon satisfactory response to product detail questions. Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. Killingworth Recreation Park (KRP) Development – nothing discussed.
- c. Sheldon Park Re-Design – Roger Nemergut sent an email saying he will attend the commission's next regular meeting. Dan noted he would like the project to go out to bid this summer and Glenn offered to contact Roger.

7. New Business

Dan stated he spoke with Hilary Kumnick, of the Lions Club, regarding fundraising for a playground and/or picnic tables at KRP. Hilary suggested the commission first look for grants and added that the Lions Club has many members eager to volunteer their time to help with such projects. The group also discussed the playground at Great Hill Park which was funded with state grant funds.

Bill B. questioned if the fields might open early given the early spring weather. Dan stated he would discuss it with Eric and Shawn Langer.

The commission discussed using the website to inform the public of field closings due to inclement weather.

8. Adjournment

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 PM. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Mooney
Recording Secretary

attachments