

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting May 14, 2012**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia  
Sallyanne Bauer  
Glenn Johnson  
Rob Grasso  
Bill Silas (arrived at 8:08 p.m.)  
Scot Thomas  
Absent: Bill Burley

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

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting held April 9, 2012

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Rob Grasso to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Visitors present: Jason Nemergut, Nemergut Consulting  
Dan Glynn, KYL  
John Hosney, KYL  
Eric Toman, Boy Scouts of America

Dan Glynn and John Hosney presented two applications for the use of lower Sheldon and Rocco fields during the summer. Discussion of Sheldon Re-Design followed noting the park could be closed for more than 6 months. Dan Glynn thanked the commission for the repairs to the green backstop and the group discussed the benefit of working together for the good of the children.

Eric Toman updated the commission on the status of his Eagle Scout project. He stated that his project has been approved, he has gotten quotes and has raised \$625 of the anticipated \$2300 needed to construct the fence and gate and plant the decorative barrier. He added that he also plans to contact the Killingworth Lions, the KWO and HKHS, as well as Haddam businesses. Eric show a picture of the fence he's constructing and noted he will use pressure treated runners. The group discussed also using pressure treated posts to extend the fence's longevity and suggested he contact Shagbark in East Haddam or Durham Fence Co. Eric also noted he has being working with Eric Auer on the project.

Jason Nemergut presented a 100% submittal of the Sheldon Re-Design, and added the final plans should be ready next week. He noted the plan included only one tennis court because of drainage issues, and the group discussed the proximity of the tennis court to the baseball field. Jason noted that some areas should have higher fencing or nets to stop foul

balls. Electrical service was also discussed noting that the best time to run conduit for all future needs is while the fields are under construction. The group then discussed DOT guidelines noting the number of parking spaces is well under the DOT threshold and the project includes no new curb cuts. Sallyanne questioned the logic of including tennis and basketball courts but not necessarily irrigation and Dan explained that a tennis court was the most requested facility in the last town survey and basketball was also high on the list. Discussion of a possible skating area followed. Conversation followed regarding the desire for a second tennis court and the park design was slightly adjusted. Jason noted that the goal is to reuse all materials, and only those materials, currently on site. Dan added that the STEAP Grant will be forfeited if not used in the next year, so he wants to move quickly.

#### 4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications from other town agencies are emailed to the commission as received. Dan read aloud a letter from Cathy Iino to anonymous town residents thanking them for their donation toward the netting at KRP. He also noted he received a letter regarding the drinking water issue at Sheldon but advised the group since the well is not in use, it is not an issue.

b. The following bills were received:

Bill from True Value for yellow caution tape for KRP	\$ 12.99
bill from recording secretary Dawn Mooney for April in the amount of	46.62
bill from Anthony Carri, for April, the in the amount of	270.00
bill from Dan Colonia for refreshments for KRP Grand Opening in the amount of	40.74
bill from Langer for 2 cuttings at Sheldon, Rocco and Bethke, topsoil re-seeding divets at KRP and light clean up at Sheldon in the amount of	1040.00
bill from All-Ways Dumpsters, for April, in the amount of	105.00
(Dan questioned a balance of \$500.00 and noted he will check with Gina.)	
bill from Olsen Sanitation, for KRP, Rocco and Sheldon fields, in the amount of	344.00
(Dan advised the group that Olsen Sanitation suggested an additional weekly cleaning of the unit at Rocco.)	
bill for Fishing Derby prizes in the amount of	467.30
bill for 4 "No Parking Anytime" signs for KRP, in the amount of	90.00
bill for 8 "No Parking" w/arrow signs for KRP, in the amount of	120.00

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

Sallyanne asked if the KRP sign was paid in full and Bill verified that it had been paid.

bill from CL&P, due 7/9, in the amount of	150.99
second bill from CL&P, due 7/9, in the amount of	0.79
third bill from CL&P, due 7/9, in the amount of	1.98
fourth bill from CL&P, due 7/9, in the amount of	1.74
fifth bill from CL&P, due 6/9, in the amount of	38.63
sixth bill from CL&P, due 6/9, in the amount of	38.98
seventh bill from CL&P, due 6/9, in the amount of	39.10

**\*A motion was made by Bill Silas and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to authorize payment of the above CL&P bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. The following applications were received:

- Application from KYL for the use of Rocco Field, from 7/30/12 to 8/3/12, for baseball league.
- Application from KYL for the use of lower Sheldon Field, from 7/30/12 to 8/3/12, for baseball camp.

**\*A motion was made by Bill Silas and seconded by Scot Thomas to approve the two above applications from KYL. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Application from Tim Venuti for the use of the horseshoe pits at Sheldon Field, from 5/3/12 to 8/23/12, for Men's Horseshoe League.

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Scot Thomas to approve the above application from KYL. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Application from HK Boy's Lacrosse for the use of the pavilion and parking lot at Sheldon Field, on 6/8/12 from 4:30 p.m. to sunset, for end-of-season picnic.

**\*A motion was made by Rob Grasso and seconded by Scot Thomas to approve the above application HK Boy's Lacrosse. Bill Silas abstained. Motion passed.**

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Silas reported that there will be approximately \$10,000 remaining in the budget going into next month (approx. \$24,000 presently remains) and asked if there were any outstanding needs. Sallyanne proposed repairing or replacing the fence between Rocco and the Transfer Station to prevent children from entering the Transfer Station. She went on to say that the area is dangerous because brush comes through the existing fence because it is never trimmed on the Transfer Station side. Discussion followed and Dan stated he will discuss the issue with Cathy Iino. Also proposed was improving the backstop to prevent foul balls from landing in the dump and enticing the children. Scot noted that the commission already got a quote for such improvements. Sallyanne also questioned the cost for picnic tables for KRP. Scot added that the stones from the KRP driveway are spilling out onto the street and Dan stated he would contact Langer for a quote to clean it up.

## 6. Old Business

### a. Parks and Field Maintenance

- Sheldon Field – nothing new to discuss.
- Rocco Field – Glenn noted that very little had changed with the Rocco improvements because the project's timing had been changed to the fall. He added that he will soon go to the Inland Wetlands Commission.
- Bethke Field – nothing new to discuss.
- KRP – Rob questioned the status of the old house on the property and Scot agreed to investigate. Rob also questioned the correct address of the park noting a problem with mapping sites that give incorrect directions. Dan advised that the HK soccer club's website had correct directions. The group then discussed the need for benches and Bill informed the group that a set of

bleaches had been purchased several years ago but were never assembled and could be used at KRP or Rocco. Sallyanne agreed to discuss their assembly with KYL.

**\*A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Rob Grasso to approve up to \$3000.00 to purchase two sets of benches for KRP. Motion passed unanimously.**

b. Sheldon Re-Design - In addition to Jason Nemergut's presentation, Glenn added that he has prepared a spreadsheet estimating the Sheldon project's costs at approximately \$500,000. Dan requested that irrigation costs be included on the spreadsheet as a negotiable item. Glenn cautioned that a water source may not be as easily found as at KRP, and the group agreed that a water source will be needed whether irrigation is installed or not. Discussion of design priorities in keeping with the results of the last town survey followed. Dan noted that fencing will be a big expense.

c. Dan suggested the need to conduct another town survey of recreational needs drafting a new master plan, noting the poor response rate for previous surveys. The group discussed possible ways to increase survey participation including asking user groups and clubs to present the survey to their members, and putting the survey on the town website. The group then discussed survey content and timing. Rob volunteered to create a draft. Scot then questioned the town park ordinances and the group discussed the information available on the town website.

#### 7. New Business

a. Dan updated the group on the Fishing Derby saying it went very well, the fish were hungry and the participants caught many fish. Dan asked the recording secretary to send thank you notes to the Circle Store for providing the bait for the event and to Ron Imbriglio for organizing another successful fishing derby.

b. Dan advised that All Ways Dumpsters wants the commission to purchase recycling containers and they will empty them. Dan will get the cost for this service.

c. Bill Silas announced his resignation from the commission effective June 12, noting he is staying to the end of the budget cycle. The group discussed his many years of service and thanked him for his time and efforts in accomplishing great things for the town.

#### 8. Adjournment

**\*A motion was made by Bill Silas and seconded by Rob Grasso to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Mooney  
Recording Secretary

attachments