

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting, September 10, 2012**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 10, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia
Sallyanne Bauer
Glenn Johnson
Scot Thomas
Rob Grasso
Bill Burley

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 8:28 p.m.

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

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Rob Grasso to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2012 regular meeting as written. Sallyanne Bauer abstained. Motion passed.**

3. Visitors present: Erik Toman,
Dan Glynn, KYL
Shawn Langer, Langer Landscaping

Dan explained that the fence at KRP is complete and looks great, adding that he will forward an email from Eric Auer regarding plantings. Dan also noted his desire to keep any plantings low maintenance. Erik Toman then explained his research on the suggested deer-resistant plantings, including barberry, summersweet, spirea and black-eyed susan, and noted that Eric Auer will donate manure. Erik further explained that wood mulch will be used to retain water and deter weeds in the six planting locations. He explained the costs for the project and asked the commission about the donation they had originally offered. Further discussion followed. Dan commended Erik for his efforts and congratulated him on a job well done. Dan added that other scouts have expressed interest in doing projects for the commission.

Shawn noted that the original KRP maintenance contract called for 22 cuttings and there have been 28 as of this last week of year one, noting the fields are starting to look good. Dan added that there are some bare spots near the goals and sparse areas on several fields and Shawn stated he has generously seeded those areas, and in depth discussion followed. Shawn added that he will aerate next week and will put down more seed. The possibility of sod was discussed, but fields would need to be closed and the issue of timing was discussed. Dan expressed concern that if the conditions are not addressed this fall, then there will be a bigger problem next spring with bare spots, but user group schedules may be disrupted. Dan also noted that the maintenance contract with Langer Landscaping was for one year and now could be extended. Shawn noted that he would adjust the new contract to include 28 cuttings.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Scot Thomas to extend the KRP maintenance contract with Langer Landscaping for 2012-13. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dan stated he would notify the Selectmen’s Office of the renewal and Shawn agreed to send them the new contract for 28 mowings with the price adjusted accordingly, and would send the commission the bill for the additional cuttings. Discussion followed about November as the best time to lay the donated sod to patch bare spots.

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to close the KRP fields under repair on November 10. Sallyanne Bauer, Scot Thomas, Rob Grasso and Bill Burley in favor; Glenn Johnson opposed. Motion passed.**

Sallyanne questioned Shawn about upper Sheldon field and green backstop conditions noting they are over-grown with weeds, and Shawn stated that he sprayed last week but delayed clearing them to this week because of rain. He noted he drags the fields every week, but suggested a monthly plan of spraying and Harley raking to prevent growth. Detailed discussion with Dan Glynn followed regarding Sheldon usage and conditions. Dan advised the group the bases were pulled out and a base at lower Sheldon was ripped in half, apparently from a drag. Shawn will be sure care is taken when dragging the fields. Shawn agreed he will rake upper and lower Sheldon, but not the green backstop area and clean Bethke.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

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

b. The following bills were received:

bill from Rickert Fence, for Rocco fence, in the amount of	2460.00
bill from Erik Toman for project supplies, in the amount of	860.00
bill from Michelle Cumpstone, for the KRP gatekeeper in August, in the amount of	279.00
bill from All-Ways Dumpsters, in the amount of	178.50
bill from Olsen Sanitation, for KRP, Rocco and Sheldon fields, in the amount of	417.00
bill from CL&P, dated 8/10/12, in the amount of	44.30
second bill from CL&P, dated 8/10/12, in the amount of	39.59
third bill from CL&P, dated 8/10/12, in the amount of	39.70
fourth bill from CL&P, dated 8/10/12, in the amount of	191.55

Discussion followed regarding other electricity providers and the possibility of saving money by switching. Dan noted this should be brought to BOS

bill from Langer Landscaping, for 4 mowings at Bethke, Sheldon and Rocco fields in August, and 1 brush/tree clearing at Rocco in the amount of	2180.00
bill from Langer Landscaping, 7th payment of KRP maintenance contract, in the amount of	1513.13
bill from Langer Landscaping, for 5 mowings at Bethke, Sheldon and Rocco fields in July, in the amount of	1975.00
bill from Langer Landscaping, 6th payment of KRP maintenance contract, and slice seeding, seeding and weed spray parking lot, in the amount of	2288.13

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

Discussion of the length and placement of the new fence at Rocco followed, debating whether it will serve its function. Dan suggested extending the fence toward the driveway to the Transfer Station and Scot will get a price. Removing the big pine tree was also discussed, noting the town Tree Warden should be contacted.

c. No new applications were received.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sallyanne Bauer reported:

Opening balance	\$	56,000.00	
Expenses		2,180.00	(approx. 3% of budget)
Ending balance	\$	35,831.00	

Discussion followed regarding the 2011-2012 Langer contract and payments to date and those still due. Dan received a record of the payments from Gina and noted he will forward it to the group.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance

- Sheldon Field – Dan Glynn informed the commission that the green fence protectors are filled with bees. Dan suggested spraying with bee spray for a quicker solution.
- Rocco Field – The commission discussed the upcoming drainage project and aerating. Glenn noted the applications for both Rocco and Sheldon are submitted to Inland Wetlands and he expects a positive response at next week's meeting. He also met with the Board of Selectmen, and spoke with Tom Lentz earlier in the day, noting he did not indicate that a Planning and Zoning permit was required.
- Bethke Field – Dan questioned the broken sign and Sallyanne questioned whether the area could be cleared to make it more visible. Dan noted he will check with Eric to determine if that is permissible and suggested the sign be glued. Scot will look into it.
- KRP – (Discussed earlier in meeting.) The bike racks and recycling receptacles and aluminum benches were discussed. Dan suggested that user groups could assemble the remaining benches. He further noted that picnic tables were nearly impossible to carry, but with help were assembled but were not mowed between. Dan suggested more picnic tables could be purchased, but not the same ones because of the shipping cost. He also noted that scouts could build them, as well as a bridge to the trails.

b. Sheldon Re-Design – Discussed with Rocco above.

c. Rob discussed the recreation survey and new recreational options such as ice skating areas. Dan added that skating was a possibility at Parmelee Farm, and the group also discussed flooding the existing retention pond or the pond at Sheldon. Rob also noted that he included a question about artificial surfaces/turf in the draft survey. Dan cautioned that the artificial surfaces/turf issue be discussed with RD#17 athletic officials before pursuing and in-depth

discussion followed. The commission discussed the need for an artificial surface/turf field in the school district.

7. New Business

Dan discussed a suggestion by Sallyanne that the commission sponsor another community event, in addition to the Annual Fishing Derby, such as a community picnic or concert at KRP. Discussion followed regarding other options such as the Madison kite festival, hot air balloons and a meteor shower, noting the town now has a beautiful facility. Sallyanne suggested a Halloween event, or hayrides.

The group then discussed placement of the directional signs leading to KRP, noting the state will be putting up more on the state roads. Directions to the field on the town and user group websites were also discussed.

Scot brought up the KRP driveway and Dan stated we would contact Cathy Iino to get Walter Adametz to spread the processed stone at the beginning of the driveway and fill the bare spots.

8. Adjournment

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Rob Grasso to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Mooney
Recording Secretary