

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting, January 14, 2013**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

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

1. Vice-Chairman Scot Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting held November 5, 2012

***A motion was made by Rob Grasso and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2012 regular meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Visitors present: Pete Sonski, HKYFA President
Dan Glynn, KYL President

Pete Sonski introduced himself and thanked the commission for the use of KRP as a practice area last season and expressed his interest in holding some Sunday games at KRP next season. He explained that 3 HK teams qualified for post-season playoff games but could not get field time from RSD#17 to hold them at home. The group discussed the times of the games and Dan suggested that any early morning set-up be late done on Saturday instead. Goal posts and the no lights agreement with the neighbors were also discussed, as well as weekend usage of KRP since football used the park only on week days last season. Dan explained the need to rotate usage on the fields annually for even wear and tear and Rob recommended that KRP is better suited for younger teams. The commission suggested that HKYFA continue to pressure RSD#17 for field time citing the school district's past field issues with field hockey, lacrosse, football and league baseball. Dan assured Pete that HKYFA will always be welcomed by the commission and suggested that a representative of the organization attend the commission's meeting on a regular basis. Dan also noted there is a vacancy on the commission that could be filled with an HKFBA member.

Dan Glynn submitted Field Usage Requests and added that he would like to begin using the fields March 1 rather than the usual April 1 because of the warmer weather this winter. Dan explained that the sod at Rocco will not be ready for March 1 and Dan Glynn agreed adding that his hope was to use lower Sheldon in March. Dan Glynn also expressed interest in using the practice area at KRP if Sheldon Park is off-line and will submit a usage form for that area soon. The commission agreed to review Field Usage Requests at next month's meeting.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. No communications were presented.

b. The following bills were received:

Bill from Anthony Carri, 24 days in December, in the amount of	210.00
bill from CL&P, dated December, in the amount of	39.22
second bill from CL&P, dated December, in the amount of	39.33
third bill from CL&P, dated December, in the amount of	38.50
fourth bill from CL&P, dated December, in the amount of	47.46

Dan informed the group that the above bills had already been paid but needed approval because the December meeting was cancelled.

fifth bill from CL&P, dated January, in the amount of	38.85
sixth bill from CL&P, dated January, in the amount of	38.50
seventh bill from CL&P, dated January, in the amount of	38.85
eighth bill from CL&P, dated January, in the amount of	38.85

The commission then discussed solar power as an option for the blinking light signs and Scot agreed to update his research.

bill from Eric Auer, for Rocco drainage work, in the amount of	3870.00
second bill from Eric Auer, for skimming Rocco infield, in the amount of	3050.00

Dan noted that Eric's bills were exactly as quoted.

bill from Nemergut Consulting, for 7 sets of Sheldon Redesign plans, in the amount of	108.48
second bill from Nemergut Consulting, for 100% completion of Sheldon Redesign drawings, in the amount of	1835.00

Discussion of remaining funds and line items followed noting that Glenn and Roger Nemergut were very generous in keeping costs extremely low.

bill from Shelly Cumpstone, for 25 days in December,	225.00
bill from Rickert Fencing, for final Rocco fence, in the amount	984.00

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

c. The group decided to review Field Usage forms at February meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sallyanne Bauer reported:

YTD expenditures (approx.) \$ 28,000.00 (50%)

Sallyanne explained that she submitted her proposed budget for 2013-14 fiscal year noting most line items did not change except field maintenance was increased based on Langer Landscaping's most recent contract. Funding for demolition of the house and shed at KRP and year-round port-o-potties at KRP were also discussed.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance

- Sheldon Field – The flagpole at Sheldon was discussed.

- Rocco Field – Eric Auer has done drainage work and leveled infield and Dan hopes to sod as soon as the weather permits. The commission discussed several options to water the sod and Sallyanne agreed to investigate the cost to get a water truck. Glen noted that 1” of water per week is needed, but rainfall will account for part of that. Dan Glynn that KYL will help in any way, adding that the work Eric has done is resolving the issue. It was also noted that the fencing project is complete and discussion of a flagpole followed.

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to authorize up to \$1500.00 to purchase a flagpole at Rocco Field. Motion passed unanimously.**

The future of Rocco Field was also discussed with parking, lights and other improvements listed as possible projects.

- Bethke Field – nothing new was discussed.
- KRP – Dan noted the donated shed needs painting in the spring and stated he applied for a permit to be discussed at this week’s Planning & Zoning meeting.

b. Sheldon Re-Design – Dan expressed his intention to hold an informational meeting in the HKMS cafeteria for the town detailing the plans for the redesign of Sheldon Park. Discussion of timing followed with the first or second Wednesday in February targeted. Dan also noted that he will attend this week’s Planning & Zoning Commission meeting to discuss the permit for the project adding he would like the project to go out to bid as soon as possible. Glenn stated that the bid documents are almost ready and detailed discussion followed. Glenn expressed his intention to include as much as possible in the document to eliminate unexpected expenses and have a high quality final product on par with neighboring towns. Glenn read a survey response which expressed a resident’s dissatisfaction with Killingworth’s fields stating “fields are a disgrace” and noting that “some baseball coaches need to hold practices in their yard”. Timing of the project within the STEAP Grant requirements was also discussed.

c. The group discussed the recreation survey noting only about 50 have been returned. Dan shared his disappointment that residents in the field user groups did not take this opportunity to express their future recreation wants. The group reviewed responses and decided to end the survey at the end of the month. Trails were also discussed.

7. No New Business was discussed.

8. Adjournment

***A motion was made by Rob Grasso and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Mooney
Recording Secretary