

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting October 6, 2014**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 6, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia  
Glenn Johnson  
Bill Burley  
Jim Duffield  
Rob Grasso  
Sallyanne Bauer  
Scot Thomas (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)

Visitors: No visitors were present.

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Jim Duffield to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2014 Regular Meeting. Sallyanne Bauer abstained. Motion passed.**

3. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to group as received.

b. The following bills were received:

bill from Arbor Gardens for KRP driveway plantings (to be taken from capital funding) in the amount of 1600.00

Dan shared Ethan Drain's concern that the project was given to Arbor Gardens instead of Drainscapes, however Dan further recounted that Drainscapes had an opportunity to submit a proposal for the project but did not do so. The group agreed that the project was handled properly.

bill from Peter Cumpstone, KRP gatekeeper, for 30 days in September in the amount of 270.00

bill from Sweitzer Waste Removal, for 3 locations, including one month back balance in the amount of 208.30

bill from Olsen Sanitation in the amount of 417.00

bill from CL&P, dated 9/10/2014, in the amount of 38.50

second bill from CL&P, dated 9/10/2014, in the amount of 38.50

third bill from CL&P, dated 9/10/2014, in the amount of 143.60

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

c. No new applications were submitted.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sallyanne Bauer reported that as of the end of September approximately \$13,000 or 23% of the annual budget has been expended. Dan added that there may be some expenses incurred at Sheldon Park outside of the scope of the renovation contract.

#### 5. Old Business

##### a. Parks and Field Maintenance

- Rocco Park – nothing new was discussed.
- Bethke Field – nothing new was discussed.
- KRP – Dan and Jim noted that they have observed the illegal driveway parking continuing despite the new plantings/fencing. Jim noted that he spoke with the football coaches over the weekend and asked that they remind parents of the parking rules and Dan emailed Pete Sonski again. Dan discussed the ongoing grub issue and explained that Ethan Drain and Eric Auer applied an appropriate grub killer. Dan then discussed with the commission Ethan Drian's work thus far noting he is not completely satisfied (for example, one week the cutting day was switched so the grass was too high by the weekend, side of the fields cut to different lengths and worn areas not addressed for weeks.) The commission agreed that his work is decent, but feel that he could do better.

b. Sheldon Re-Design – Glenn noted that the only outstanding item is the electrical connection for the irrigation pump. He is presently getting quotes and discussion followed regarding the quoted amounts determining whether the project must go out to bid. Glenn explained that there will be a walk-through and then a punch list will be prepared. Dan added that there will be some issues to settle, such as netting that was not included, as well as some additional items at additional cost. Discussion followed and Dan explained that items were added to the project that were not requested by the commission. He also noted that a fence around the basketball court and official rules signs are needed to protect the court's surface from skateboarders, as well as the future replacement of older fencing that was re-used in the re-design. Scot presented sample sign designs noting the price should be between \$40 - \$60 per sign. In-depth discussion of wording options followed. Bill suggested contacting Dave Miller for prices as well. Glenn questioned when the tennis and basketball courts could be opened to the public and the group agreed to consult Venuti Enterprises. Dan added that usage of the fields prior to their opening would damage the grass and, therefore, must be carefully policed. Glenn explained that temporary generators are powering the irrigation system, which is working fine despite the lack of rain this summer. He further noted that pond was excavated to be slightly deeper and its water level was low due to lower than normal rainfall. It was noted that Anthony Carri will be responsible for opening and closing the park as in the past. Blinking lights were also discussed, specifically whether LED's are bright enough for daytime use, and it was noted that there is \$3000 in the budget for their purchase. The group expressed the positive feedback they have already received from the community observing that Killingworth's residents are excited. An official "Grand Opening" will be planned for the spring.

#### 6. New Business

Dan informed the group Eagle Scout candidate Noah Freeman contacted him to request funding for his project. The commission discussed the project and agreed that Noah must raise funds himself as part of the project, but also agreed to contribute the balance needed if his fund raising efforts run short. Bill added that HKLax agreed to do the same.

Dan brought up purchasing and installing 3 AED's at KRP, Sheldon and Rocco Parks, referencing the line item of \$10,000 in the budget. Discussion of AED prices followed. The commission discussed the best locations for them noting they must be secured or would be stolen, must be brought indoors in the winter, how to access to them if locked in a building, liability of usage and ease of use. Dan advised the group of an increase in vandalism at KRP, explaining the irrigation caps were recently stolen resulting in water spouting from the system for hours.

**\*A motion was made by Rob Grasso and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to authorize up to \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of 3 portable AED's with cabinets for Killingworth's Parks. Motion passed unanimously.**

Rob informed the group that he was aware of an on-line video of town teenagers riding their quad's at KRP. Discussion followed and the group agreed that the video should be sent to First Selectwoman Cathy Iino and Trooper Matt Ward.

7. Adjournment

**\*A motion was made by Rob Grasso and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Mooney  
Recording Secretary