

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting September 8, 2014**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 8, 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  
Scot Thomas  
Rob Grasso (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)  
Absent: Sallyanne Bauer  
Visitors: Pete Sonski, HKYFA

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Minutes of: Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2014

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2014 Special Meeting. Scot Thomas abstained. Motion passed.**

3. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to group as received.

b. The following bills were received:

Bill from Peter Cumpstone, KRP gatekeeper, for 31 days in August in the amount of	279.00
bill from recording secretary Dawn R. Mooney, in the amount of	150.27
bill from Drainscapes, (corrected #4 of 11) for maintenance at KRP (\$1693.63), 5 cuttings at Rocco @ \$90.00 ea. and Bethke @70.00 ea., as well as aerate, mulch and apply weed killer at KRP in amount of	3573.63
bill from Drainscapes, (#5 of 11) for maintenance at KRP (\$1693.63), 3 cuttings at Rocco @ \$90.00 ea. and Bethke @70.00 ea., in amount of	2173.63

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

c. No new applications were submitted.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sallyanne Bauer was absent.

5. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance

- Sheldon Park – nothing new was discussed.

- Rocco Park – nothing new was discussed.
- Bethke Field – nothing new was discussed.
- KRP – Bill Burley voiced concern that the grass on Field #1 is easily pulled up and grubs are visible. Dan also discussed the condition of the middle of Field #1, questioning HKYFA's positioning on the field relative to the overused areas. Pete Sonski noted that the organization uses all of Field #1 (HKYFA has Monday/Wednesdays and HK Rec soccer has Tuesday/Thursdays with the field resting on Fridays) and explained that the area already showed wear before football practices began. Dan asked that they try to avoid using that specific area in the future. Pete stated the school district has allowed HKYFA to use the HKHS field for their games. Discussion followed regarding RD#17's reluctance to allow user groups onto the fields and Rob explained that the CIAC's strict rules restricting out-of-season play may be partly responsible. Pete further noted that the shed was successfully moved and explained that HKYFA coaches bring large coolers of ice water to practices/games to meet CDC's new "Head's Up" requirements. Dan advised him to move the equipment trailer closer to the shed to prevent vandalism. Discussion of painting field lines and the area between Field #3 and Field #4 followed.

Since no additional proposals to resolve the KRP driveway parking problem were received, Dan suggested proceeding with Arbor Gardens' proposal noting the funds were approved at the last meeting. Scot will advise Chris Plum and Dan will speak with Cathy Iino about having Trooper Ward stop by KRP on a Saturday and issue warnings to illegally parked vehicles.

b. Sheldon Re-Design – Dan informed the commission that the tennis courts are finished except for nets and posts, basketball hoops are installed and M&M will install correct surface on concrete pad. Dan suggested that the commission investigate basketball court fencing as a future capital project. Scot suggested that rules be posted on the tennis and basketball courts and concrete pad and agreed to research rules posted at facilities in other towns. Dan further noted that the handicapped walkways are ready for crushed stone and asphalt installation and he suggested that the paths be extended and connected in a "walking track" during the future playground upgrade. Scot requested that Glenn inspect the area behind the lower field where the large tree was removed to eliminate seasonal erosion concerns. Dan also explained that Fred Dudek attended a meeting with a USTA Representative who would like to attend a commission meeting to discuss additional grants that are available for tennis programs and equipment. Dan noted he will invite her to attend a meeting before the end of the year, and expressed interest in running a tennis program separate from HK Rec to increase tennis court usage.

Dan stated that the actual cost to sod all three fields is \$45,000 and discussion followed. He further explained that KYL has offered to donate \$6,500 to the project. Therefore, once the \$15,000 tennis grant is credited to the project and added to the remaining funds, the commission will need an additional \$17,000 for sod. This would allow the fields to be used a full year earlier (2015 vs. 2016) and avoid any damage that could result from seeded fields being used too early. Dan noted that the Board of Selectmen approved the funds at their meeting earlier in the evening and added that the Board of Finance could decide as soon as tomorrow night. Then a Special Town Meeting would be held later in September for town approval.

Glenn added that the only remaining work is subcontractor work such as fencing, backstops and sod. The group then discussed the irrigation system, the building, irrigation controller in the building, electrical power and solar lights. The group noted that the old electrical meter was located in the old shed and the new meter will be located in the new building.

6. New Business

Dan discussed the need to apply for a new STEAP Grant to construct the Phase II regulation baseball field at KRP. He asked Glenn for the engineering estimates and plans that were previously completed to include in the new STEAP application. Glenn noted that the ongoing drainage issue on Parker Hill Road must be completed first, but Rob informed the group that surveyors have been working on the project for weeks.

7. Adjournment

**\*A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Bill Burley to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Mooney  
Recording Secretary