

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting April 13, 2015**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

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

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. Minutes of: Special Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2015

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2015 Special Meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

Special Meeting on Monday, March 28, 2015

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to accept the minutes March 28, 2015 Special Meeting as written. Rob Grasso abstained. Motion passed.**

3. No visitors were present.

4 Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to group as received.

b. The following bills were received:

Bill from Eversource, for completion of electrical service installation at
Sheldon Park, in the amount of \$ 4,425.73

Dan noted that the electrical work had been delayed due to the harsh winter conditions and employee turnover at Eversource, but is finally underway. Discussion followed and Dan noted the funds should come from the field maintenance line of the budget.

bill for benches at Sheldon Park, in the amount of 1,100.00

It was explained that the extra benches at KRP were moved to Bethke Field allowing the larger benches from Bethke to be taken to Sheldon Park. Sallyanne questioned the end caps and Dan agreed to check on them.

bills for annual Fishing Derby as follows:

Beaverkill Trout Hatchery for trout, in the amount of 900.00

Hal Brown for prizes, in the amount of 852.83

Bill from Ron Imbriglio for bait, in the amount of 64.50

Discussion followed regarding the cost of the fishing derby which exceeded the \$1400 budgeted amount. Dan explained that there was a misunderstanding for which Ron Imbriglio had apologized.

second bill from Eversource, in the amount of	45.15
third bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.25
fourth bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.25
bill from True Value for flags, in the amount of	127.97
bill from Goal Sporting Goods, Inc. for 6 rolls of fence cap for Sheldon Park, in the amount of	1,339.94

It was noted that KYL will install the fence cap. Dan also discussed a bill he received from Sweitzer Waste Removal for December in the amount of \$104.15, but explained that he suspects an error and will investigate. He did not submit it for payment.

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

c. The following applications were received:

- Application from HKHS Soccer team for the use of a large field at KRP for summer soccer league.

Discussion followed regarding the field conditions at KRP and the commission agreed that the fields will likely be closed for rest and repair for one month this summer. The group noted that other fields at the district's schools and in Haddam could be used. In-depth discussion followed regarding field conditions and the need for signs informing of field closures and field conditions. Rob suggested notifying HK Athletic Director Lynne Flint of the field closures and Sallyanne agreed to respond to the application with an explanation.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sallyanne Bauer summarized that approximately \$27,000 of the annual budget has been expended to date. She projected ending the fiscal year approximately \$10,000 under budget and discussion followed. Glenn added that Charlie Rickert would like to begin the fencing work at Sheldon before his busy season begins and agreed to wait until July for payment.

Dan detailed a Special Board of Finance meeting he was asked to attend earlier in the evening. The Board of Finance requested he review next year's budget for line items that could be reduced and/or eliminated to fund overages on the Parker Hill Road drainage project. Dan advised that they had discussed the Sheldon playground renovation, and in depth discussion followed regarding the current condition of the playground equipment and the need to extend 3 walkways. The committee agreed to research other funding options, such as grants from local and national organizations, to supplement a reduced line item to reach their goal of providing a safe and ADA accessible playground for the children of Killingworth. Dan further informed the group that when asked if any projects could be eliminated, he agreed that the parking lot work at Rocco Field could wait a year since it is not a safety issue. In depth discussion followed.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Bethke Field – nothing discussed
- KRP – Dan and Glenn informed the group that the Palms have complained about the obstructed view and the noise from the rebounding wall. Discussion followed regarding moving the wall and/or planting tall shrubs to buffer the sound and block the view. The commission agreed that any solution would have a July/August timeframe.

- Sheldon Park– Dan noted that while the contract with Langer has not been signed yet, leaf clean up along the fences should be scheduled. Dan has asked Shawn Langer to call the Selectmen’s Office to sign the contract. Dan expressed the need for wood chips at the Sheldon playground and in-depth discussion followed regarding spending money this year knowing a renovation is planned, removing the playground equipment and this year’s budget. It was noted that wood chips are not in this year’s budget since Sheldon was not originally planned to open this spring. Dan noted that the swing set is in poor condition and discussion of refinishing vs. replacing followed.

Dan also discussed the field maintenance advisory group formed to act as a liason between Ethan Drain, Shawn Langer, Eric Auer and the commission and designated at the March committee meeting. Dan expressed his optimism that the contractors will perform above expectations noting that a little competition is healthy. In-depth discussion followed.

- Rocco Field – see above @ Sheldon Park

b. Sheldon Re-Design – The group noted that the Grand Re-Opening of the renovated Sheldon Park is planned for April 25.

7. New Business

The group discussed installing the portable AED’s and discussion followed regarding the need to secure them to avoid theft. Dan suggested that the AED at KRP could be secured by gatekeeper Pete Cumpstone each night when the gate is locked.

8. Adjournment

***A motion was made by Sallyanne Bauer and seconded by Rob Grasso to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Mooney
Recording Secretary

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