

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting May 11, 2015**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia  
Sallyanne Bauer  
Scot Thomas  
Glenn Johnson  
Jim Duffield

Absent: Rob Grasso  
Bill Burley

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting as written. Scot Thomas and Jin Duffield abstained. Motion passed.**

3. Visitors present: Donna Clark, Youth "Tennis in the Park" organizer

Dan informed the commission that the USTA provided a tennis equipment grant and the Killingworth Foundation provided a \$500 grant toward the youth "Tennis in the Park" program. Donna explained that she is meeting with Jen Myatt of the USTA tomorrow to discuss the program's design. Donna noted that she has already contacted the Killingworth Krier to advertise the program with a kick-off date of Saturday, May 30. She hoped to have more details finalized after her meeting. The group then discussed the program, age brackets and enlisting the help of high school players. Donna stressed that this program will not include lessons but rather will be more like jamboree or round robin play and, therefore, will not compete with HK Rec's tennis lessons. Dan also explained that HK Rec has 2 new sessions of tennis lessons at Sheldon Park. The group then discussed posting signs to alert residents that the "Tennis in the Park" program has the courts reserved at specific times so no one is caught by surprise. In-depth discussion followed regarding on-line comments about Sheldon's new design, insurance coverage for the new tennis program, equipment and electrical service at the park followed. Dan asked Donna to pick up a couple of galvanized or mesh buckets for players to discard used balls and suggested she charge them to the commission at True Value. The commission discussed trash and recyclable removal, and Dan noted that recyclable pick-up would cost an additional \$30/month/park. He further explained that he had requested Sweitzer increase the number of trash cans from 4 to 7. Discussion followed regarding how to best encourage park users to utilize the proper receptacles for their discarded items and the commission agreed that the user groups

must encourage their members to be responsible. Dan added that user groups have been very good about not leaving trash on the fields.

4 Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to group as received.

Dan discussed an email he received from Susan Nesci, a neighbor of KRP, expressing concern over children using the football goal posts at KRP as monkey bars. Dan explained his belief that Killingworth’s children are bored at KRP because there is no playground at all and at Sheldon Park because the playground is in such poor condition. The group then discussed the commission’s 2015-16 playground budget that was reduced from \$60,000 to 40,000 by the Board of Finance. Dan expressed disappointment in the Board of Finance’s comments about the sod putting the Sheldon project over budget since he had consulted them and given them the choice of opening the redesigned Sheldon a year ahead of schedule by installing sod instead of planting seed. In-depth discussion of the condition of Sheldon’s playground followed noting it is a liability for the town. Dan suggested bringing in a consultant to suggest upgrading, replacing and/or repairing the existing playground equipment at Sheldon and giving cost estimates. Dan also suggested contacting the Lions Club for a donation and enlisting the help of volunteers for equipment installation.

b. The following bills were received:

Bill from Sweitzer Waste Removal, for 4 locations, in the amount of 252.94

Dan noted that Sweitzer had agreed that the bill they had sent for December in the amount of \$104.15 was an error.

bill from Langer Landscapes, for 1st installment of the maintenance contract, Sheldon clean-up, 3 Sheldon fertilizings and 1 Rocco fertilizings, in the amount of 1,760.00

bill from Peter Cumpstone, KRP gatekeeper, for April, in the amount of 234.00

bill from recording secretary Dawn R. Mooney, for March and April, in the amount of 106.29

bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeper, for April, in the amount of 135.00

bill from Common Cents EMS Supply for 2 AED mounting brackets, in the amount of in the amount of 130.00

bill from Common Cents EMS Supply for 1 AED mounting bracket, in the amount of in the amount of 65.00

Dan explained that the 3 AEDs were delivered with no mounting brackets so he ordered them and the AEDs are now installed at the 3 parks.

bill from OnSite Services Inc. for signs at Sheldon Park, in the amount of 390.50

bill from Eversource, in the amount of 45.30

second bill from Eversource, in the amount of 44.25

third bill from Eversource, in the amount of 44.25

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

bill from Marino Electric for the second half of the electrical work at Sheldon Park, in the amount of 1,300.00

**\*A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Glenn Johnson to approve the Marino Electric bill. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dan reminded the commission that the bill from Savinelli Well Drilling for the well work at Sheldon Park would be paid by the town. He also noted that the fence caps previously purchased by the commission for Sheldon Park had been installed but more was needed to finish the job, and he had

advised Dan Glynn that it would be purchased from the next fiscal year's budget. Glenn explained that Charlie Rickert was eager to begin the fence work at Sheldon Park and agreed to wait until July for payment.

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Jim Duffield to authorize Charlie Rickert to begin the fence work at Sheldon Field with the funds to come from next year's budget. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dan informed the group that cars parked along the driveway at Sheldon Field are being hit by foul balls and suggested the commission purchase 150' of 16' netting to be installed above the fence similar to that at Rocco Field. In-depth discussion followed regarding the original plan for the fencing, which was reviewed, and the need to protect the legally parked cars. Dan Glynn had informed Dan that the vendor was willing to install the netting and wait until July for payment of the \$2,650 cost.

**\*A motion was made by Sallyanne Bauer and seconded by Jim Duffield to authorize up to \$2,650 for the purchase and installation of 16' netting for Sheldon Field with the funds to come from this year's budget, if available, or next year's budget. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. The following applications were received:

- Application from Killingworth Horseshoe League for the use of the Sheldon Park horseshoe pits from 5/21 to 8/20/2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dan explained that the Horseshoe League must coordinate dates with KYL so they are not using the horseshoe pits during KYL tournaments.

- Application from Killingworth resident Shaina Rowley for the use of the Sheldon Park basketball court on May 23 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a breast cancer fund raising basketball tournament.

Dan noted that the participants in the above basketball tournament must sign hold harmless agreements to participate since the group does not have proof of insurance.

**\*A motion was made by Sallyanne Bauer and seconded by Jim Duffield to approve the above applications with stipulations as discussed. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sallyanne Bauer summarized that approximately \$36,000 (60%) of the annual budget has been expended.

## 6. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Bethke Field – Scot questioned whether new grass was coming in where the outfield repairs were made.
- KRP – The group discussed the dandelions and Dan agreed to contact Eric Auer. The group also noted that HKYFA had not yet painted their shed. Jim informed the group that the HKHS girls' soccer team would not be playing summer soccer at KRP, but the boys' team did not have another field. In-depth discussion followed regarding the need to close the fields for the month of July. Dan advised the group that he will walk the field with Eric in late June and discuss the necessary repairs.
- Sheldon Park– discussed with correspondence. The group also agreed that the pavilion should be painted. Dan noted that the east-facing blinking light at Sheldon Park is not working and must be replaced and the group discussed "Park Entrance Ahead" signs adding that the DOT must approve them. Scot explained that his contact at A & S Electric

for solar signs is no longer with the company so he is waiting for a new rep to take over.  
He expects to have more information in about a week.

- Rocco Field – nothing was discussed

7. New Business – No new business was discussed.

8. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Mooney  
Recording Secretary