

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting June 8, 2015**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

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

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2015 Regular Meeting as written. Rob Grasso and Bill Burley 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 Drainscapes, (#9 of 11) for maintenance at KRP, Rocco and Bethke as well as spring clean up at KRP, in the amount of 1873.63

bill from Drainscapes, (#10 of 11) for maintenance at KRP, Rocco and Bethke plus weed whacking and bagging grass clippings and dumping as compost, in the amount of 2643.63

bill from Sweitzer Waste Removal, for 4 locations, in the amount of 178.54

Dan noted that the billed amount does not seem to include recycling.

bill from Peter Cumpstone, KRP gatekeeper, for April, in the amount of 279.00

bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeper, for April, in the amount of 279.00

bill from Langer Landscapes, for 2nd installment of the maintenance contract and fertilizing 3 fields, in the amount of 1,445.00

bill from Olsen Sanitation in the amount of 552.50

bill from recording secretary Dawn R. Mooney, for May, in the amount of 43.98

bill from Eversource, in the amount of 72.07

second bill from Eversource, in the amount of 44.58

third bill from Eversource, in the amount of 44.25

forth bill from Eversource, in the amount of 153.48

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

c. The following applications were received:

- Application from CT Defenders 12U AAU baseball team for the use of the Sheldon Park upper baseball field from 5/22 at 5:15 p.m. as available

It was noted that this applicant has coordinated dates with KYL.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Rob Grasso to approve the above application. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Application from Seaside Saybrook Special Olympics for the use of the Sheldon Park for softball practices on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m., from July 7 through September 8.

Dan noted that since Sheldon fields are in use on July 7, Bethke Field could be used instead. Then Sheldon Park could be used starting July 14.

***A motion was made by Sallyanne Bauer and seconded by Bill Burley to approve the above applications with the stipulation as discussed. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sallyanne Bauer summarized that just over \$40,000 (67%) of the annual budget has been expended. She further stated that her projections to the end of the fiscal year indicate funds will be available for some netting at Sheldon Park and the commission should still be under budget. Dan questioned if the \$500 grant from the Killingworth Foundation for the youth tennis program was credited to the budget, and noted he would check in it. The group discussed benches at Sheldon that might be available for other use. Dan added that 370' to 400' of fence toppers are still needed as well, and in-depth discussion of expenses followed.

***A motion was made by Rob Grasso and seconded by Sallyanne Bauer to authorize up to \$500 for fence toppers at Sheldon Park as discussed above. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Bethke Field – nothing was discussed.
- KRP – The group discussed their decision to close the park on June 1st until they feel it is ready to be re-opened, noting that all user groups have been told, but are not necessarily pleased, and also discussed other fields that could be used. Eric Auer has worked out the action plan with Drainscapes to repair, seed and water the damaged areas on the fields and football practice area, and the commission discussed the ability to connect sprinklers with the irrigation system. Discussion followed regarding moving the football goals, repairing the football practice area and the need for signs at the park informing users that the fields are closed.
- Sheldon Park–The group also noted that there are also field areas at Sheldon Park not covered by the irrigation system. Dan also expressed pleasure with the number of older Killingworth residents that are walking on the paths at the park adding that the hope is to connect and extend the paths to the playground in the future. The group also discussed simple “fitness stations” that could also be added in the future. Dan explained that Cathy Iino is looking into funding/grants that might be available from the state to help finance these future plans.
- Rocco Field – nothing was discussed

7. New Business

Glenn Johnson explained the Inland, Wetland and Water Courses Commission's desire to plant an oak tree in memory of their long-time chairman Gaylord Rockwell, who passed away unexpectedly earlier this year. Glenn displayed a map of the park's layout and presented several options for placement of the tree and memorial plaque, adding that a park bench could be placed under the tree in the future. The group agreed that the tree should be located adjacent to and to the west of the basketball court. Glenn will notify the Inland Wetlands Commission and also Eric Auer, who has the tree and will plant it.

8. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Mooney
Recording Secretary