

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting November 14, 2016**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia
Donna Clark
Scot Thomas
Brian Blair
Jim Duffield
Bill Burley
Glenn Johnson

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

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, September 12, 2016

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Brian Blair to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting as amended. Bill Burley and Glenn Johnson abstained. Motion passed.**

3. Visitors present: Jacque Wilcox
Ethan Drain

Jacque requested that the lines for pickleball be painted on the second tennis court since interest in pickleball is growing. The commission discussed purchasing pickleball nets for \$170 each and debated to need to provide nets when other sports provide their own goals. In-depth discussion followed regarding nets, leaks in the storage locker and possible solutions. Jacque informed the group that her pickleball league will use the HKMS gym over the winter and added her league had only one conflict with tennis and that player offered to move to the other court. ***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Brian Blair to authorize up to \$800 for On Site to paint pickleball lines on the second tennis court. Motion passed unanimously.** ***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Bill Burley to authorize the purchase of 2 pickleball nets for Sheldon Park. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ethan Drain inquired if the commission has been satisfied with conditions at KRP, and everyone agreed that the conditions on the football field are not good. Ethan explained that football inflicts the most wear and tear on the fields due to the sport's constant impact. Ethan added that it appears HKYFA stopped using the HKHS field and relied on KRP instead. Discussion then centered on wear spots, type of grass seed used and end of the season date. In-depth discussion followed regarding individual field conditions and possible repair options, and Dan suggested Ethan attend the commission's March meeting to finalize plans. The group also noted that HKYFA had put a trucking container in the parking area without permission. Ethan noted that the organization is "more than happy" to perform any necessary repairs and invest in the park. Dan compared their willingness to volunteer with KLY's track record of volunteering and contributing. Ethan then informed the commission that HKYFA had "blown up" the irrigation system when cleaning their equipment but added that it was repaired earlier in the day and will be

winterized within a week. Ethan also noted that user groups had repeatedly tampered with the irrigation system making it necessary for him to make frequent visits to the park to resolve, and suggested locking the controls next year. He stressed that he doesn't believe they were intending to manipulate the system but rather were simply turning it off and on which caused bigger issues. Detailed discussion followed regarding possible solutions. Ethan agreed to submit a quote to construct a box to protect the controls. He also shared that he has removed the rebounding wall, pulled the tubes out of the ground, disposed of the granite and filled in the holes. The group also discussed ongoing parking issues, soccer net damage and the security on a neighboring property.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to group as received.

b. The following bills were received:

bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeper, for Sept. in the amount of	300.00
bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeper, for Oct. in the amount of	310.00
bill from Peter Cumpstone to replace KRP padlock and chain in the amount of	50.00
bill from Peter Cumpstone, KRP gatekeeper, for Oct. in the amount of	310.00
bill for surface chips for Sheldon Park playground, in the amount of	1,437.43
bill from Nemergut Consulting for Sheldon Park Trails, in the amount of	1,045.54
bill from Langer Landscaping to spread playground chips Sheldon Park, in the amount of	500.00
bill from Langer Landscaping, Sept. Sheldon contract and fertilize/weed spray and repair, in the amount of	2,190.00
bill from Langer Landscaping for Oct. Sheldon contract, in the amount of	1,250.00
bill from Drainscapes, KRP payment 3 of 8, in the amount of	1,693.63
bill from Drainscapes, KRP payment 4 of 8, in the amount of	1,693.63
bill from Drainscapes for removal of KRP backboard in the amount of	500.00
bill from Killingworth Nurseries for parts to repair Sheldon Park irrigation, in the amount of	270.00

Dan explained that there was a problem with Sheldon's irrigation system getting enough water into the pump, but Eric Auer and Tim Venuti adjusted the watering schedule and resolved the issue. It was noted that users have never touched Sheldon's irrigation control.

bill from Olson Sanitation in the amount of	615.00
bill from Eversource, in the amount of	152.43
second bill from Eversource, in the amount of	45.67
third bill from Eversource, in the amount of	45.71
fourth bill from Eversource, in the amount of	137.61

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Jim Duffield to approve payment of the above bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

bill from Sweitzer in the amount of	178.00
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Dan shared his continued dissatisfaction with Sweitzer's trash removal service at KRP noting that Peter Cumpstone called 3 or 4 times because the trash was not being picked up. Dan requested that the company notify him after every pick-up but everyone agreed that such measures should not be necessary to get them to do their job. Dan added that every year he receives a bill for December despite the fact that trash removal ends in November. The commission agreed that while Sweitzer's price is good, their service is not.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Donna Clerk to approve the Sweitzer Trash removal bill in the amount of \$178.00. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. No applications were received.

5. Treasurer's Report

Donna explained that 20.9% of the annual budget has been expended to date and Dan commented that this figure is on track. Dan stated that he is working on the next fiscal year's budget and discussion followed regarding playground funding, KRP Phase II and the Board of Finance's new approach to capital budgets. The commission discussed the gatekeepers' salaries, the Fishing Derby, the cost of port-o-potties and wood chips.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Sheldon – The group discussed the flashing lights noting that the signs can be reused and only the lights replaced, costing \$3,000 each. Dan added that there is \$3,000 in the budget and Cathy Iino may have the money for the other light. In-depth discussion followed. Bill suggested contacting OnSite for another quote and Scot agreed to do so.
- Rocco and Bethke Fields – nothing discussed
- KRP – discussed earlier in the meeting.

b. Sheldon Park Playground – Dan explained that multiple pieces of equipment were installed in the playground and added that the basket swing will be installed within the week. He noted that \$10,000 remains for the playground noting that he hasn't heard from the Lions regarding their involvement with the project. Dan recommended that the commission order the remaining equipment if the Lions wait beyond December and then perhaps the Lions could install it.

c. Sheldon Walking Trails – Glenn advised that the project is currently out to bid.

7. New Business

The commission reviewed the proposed 2017 meeting schedule.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Scot Thomas to approve up the 2017 Meeting Schedule, as attached. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dan shared that the Guilford AAU baseball team is already working on Rocco Field and discussion followed. The team plans to use Rocco as a practice field since KYL has been using it. In-depth discussion followed regarding the difference between Rocco Field and KRP Phase II and the need for a full-sized baseball field with Jim suggesting that KRP Phase II be a baseball field with a multipurpose field overlaying it. The group noted that irrigation wasn't originally planned on the field and discussion followed.

8. Adjournment

***A motion was made by Jim Duffield and seconded by Bill Burley to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney
Recording Secretary