

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting May 9, 2016**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia
Brian Blair
Glenn Johnson
Donna Clark
Bill Burley
Jim Duffield
Scot Thomas (arrived at 7:38 p.m.)

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2016

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Brian Blair to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2016 Regular Meetings as written. Donna Clark, Bill Burley and Jim Duffield 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 Olsen Sanitation for April, in the amount of 615.00

bill from Langer Landscaping for spring clean-up and fertilization at Sheldon, Rocco and Bethke fields as well as Sheldon maintenance contract installment and irrigation opening, in the amount of 2800.00

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

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

Dan advised that this bill be held until the end of the month rather than paid in advance. The commission agreed.

bill from Peter Cumpstone for removal of 5 dead cedar trees, other clean-up and tree pruning at KRP, in the amount of 250.00

Dan explained that additional tree work is needed at KRP. Since Pete Cumpstone does not have a bucket truck, the commission must hire a professional tree worker.

bill from The Giving Tree Sheldon for Sheldon irrigation opening and service call in the amount of 204.95

bill from Peter Cumpstone, KRP gatekeeper, in the amount of 300.00

bill from Drainscapes for installment 5 of 8 of KRP maintenance contract and spring clean-up, in the amount of	1873.63
bill from Eversource, in the amount of	46.52
second bill from Eversource, in the amount of	79.74
third bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.25
fourth bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.25

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Scot Thomas to approve payment of all of the above bills, with the exception of the Sweitzer Waste Removal bill for the month of May. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. No new applications were received.

5. Treasurer's Report

Dan advised the group that he will ask a different member to give the Treasurer's Report each month until a new Treasurer is named. Jim summarized the YTD expenditures by line item. In-depth discussion followed and it was noted that the figures discussed were from the 3/31/2016 report.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Sheldon Park – Dan advised the commission that the broken tree needs to be removed from Sheldon Park playground as well as dead branches over the swing sets. Glenn stated that he discussed the privacy fence inserts with Charlie Rickert who quoted approximately \$3500 for the 3 requested sections of fencing (2 ends and center divider). In-depth discussion followed regarding the \$500 grant from the Killingworth Foundation and the need for the privacy inserts on each of the proposed sections of fence. Discussion of nets followed.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Scot Thomas to approve up to \$2000 for privacy fence inserts for the center divider fence. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Rocco Field – nothing discussed
- Bethke Field – Dan reminded the group that the entrance gate is broken and must be removed.
- KRP – Scot shared his conversation with Ethan Drain regarding moving and spreading the processed stone and topsoil piles, weeding and mulching, aerating and applying grub control to the 4 fields and practice area, and spring clean-up. Scot advised the group that the fields must be closed for 3 days after applying grub control and in-depth discussion of project timing, grub control products followed. Scot will ask Ethan if the work can be performed on late Sunday afternoon of the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Brian Blair to approve \$1200 for grub control application at KRP. Donna Clark abstained. Motion passed.**

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Jim Duffield to approve \$525 to move top soil and spread processed stone at KRP. Motion passed unanimously.**

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Jim Duffield to approve \$1700 to aerate and overseed 4 fields and practice area at KRP. Motion passed unanimously.**

The group noted that the illegal parking on the KRP driveway continues to be a problem, and various possible solutions were discussed. It was stressed that the user groups must stagger game times so multiple game do not end all at once.

7. New Business

Dan updated the group on the Board of Finance cuts to the budget, as follows: \$3000 for blinking light at Sheldon Park, \$20,000 from KRP playground funding and elimination of funding to clean and refurbish trails behind Sheldon Park to connect to CT's blue blazed trails network. Dan will discuss the trails with the Conservation Commission or the Killingworth Land Trust.

Glenn is working on the plans to extend the trails at Sheldon Park with the recently approved grant money. The goal of the project is to connect pathways to make walking trains and provide access to the playground. Discussion of surface materials followed. Dan also updated the commission on his conversations with the Lions Club and the Killingworth Women's Organization regarding possible playground equipment to donate for Sheldon Field. In-depth discussion followed.

8. Adjournment

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn R. Mooney
Recording Secretary