

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting July 11, 2016**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 11, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia
Brian Blair
Glenn Johnson
Bill Burley
Jim Duffield
Scot Thomas (arrived at 7:55 p.m.)
Absent: Donna Clark

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

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2016 Regular Meeting as written. Jim Duffield abstained. Motion passed.**

3. Visitors present: Jacque and Donald Wilcox, Pickleball application

Dan informed the group that the USTA does not object to the painting of pickleball lines on the Sheldon tennis courts. Glenn shared the quote of \$750 from On-Site, a local company, to line the court but will clarify if the bid is for lining 1 or 2 pickleball courts. Dan expressed his safety concern regarding distance from the lines to the fence and the group discussed 4' vs. 6' distance, using the existing serving line, and line color options. The group also discussed snapping a chalk line in the meantime.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to approve up to \$1800 to paint lines for 2 pickleball courts onto one of the Sheldon Park tennis courts. Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to group as received.

b. The following bills were received:

bill from Drainscapes, KRP contract payment, install sod on Fields 1 & 4, and repair irrigation housing, in the amount of	3,263.63
bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeper, for May in the amount of	240.00
bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeper, for June in the amount of	300.00
bill from Peter Cumpstone, KRP gatekeeper, for June in the amount of	300.00
bill from Recording Secretary Dawn Rees Mooney, for June, in the amount of	52.47

bill from Langer Landscaping for Sheldon contract, Sheldon and Rocco, fertilization, Sheldon driveway weeding and fence removal and Rocco mole trapping, in the amount of	2,575.00
bill from Langer Landscaping, spread Sheldon woodchips, in the amount of	450.00
bill from Dan Colonia for well fittings for Sheldon Park, in the amount of	2.92
bill from Olson Sanitation dated May 2016, in the amount of	615.00
bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.87
second bill from Eversource, in the amount of	171.93
third bill from Eversource, in the amount of	228.00
fourth bill from Eversource, in the amount of	46.33
bill from Charlie Rickert for backstop netting and poles at Sheldon Park, in the amount of	4,000.00
bill from Charlie Rickert for green slats for the tennis courts at Sheldon Park, in the amount of	1,250.00
bill for purchase of a secure storage locker for the Sheldon Field tennis courts	506.00

Discussion followed regarding the 2 fencing bills noting that KYL should pay a part of the \$4,000 bill and acknowledging that the green slats have not yet been installed due to a shipment error.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to approve payment of the above bills with the exception of the \$4,000 fencing bill. Motion passed unanimously.**

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Jim Duffield to approve payment of the \$4,000 fencing bill pending satisfactory investigation. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. The following applications were received:

- Application from David Hoyle for the use of Sheldon Park as a rest stop for the CT Cycling Advancement Program bicycle relay on June 19, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dan explained that he forgot to present this application at the June meeting and approved the application himself since timing was an issue. The event was successful.

- Application from Old Saybrook Special Olympics for the use of Sheldon Park for softball practices 2 teams on Mondays through mid-September.

Dan explained that he gave this application to Dan Glynn who is providing the field as requested.

- Application from HK Youth Football Assoc. for the use of KRP Field #1 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and practice area every night, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. to and Saturday mornings, from 8/1 to 11/30/16 for football practices and scrimmages.

Bill suggested changing the 8:00 p.m. end time to dusk, and the group discussed changing Field #1 to Field #2 because football would be harsher on the recent repairs to Field #1. The group also agreed that no sleds or other training devices could be used on any of the irrigated fields.

- Application from HKRec for the use of KRP practice area on Saturdays, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., from 9/10 to 10/29/16 for peewee soccer.

The commission agreed that overuse use of the unirrigated practice area was a concern and suggested that they should use one of the fields.

- Application from HKRec for the use of KRP fields weeknights from 4:30 p.m. to dusk and Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., from 8/22 to 11/5/16 for soccer practices and games. (Dan noted that this application was not submitted on the correct form and did not include men's soccer.)

In-depth and detailed discussion followed. It was noted that HK Youth Football's application requesting 3 nights conflicts with HKRec's schedule, and Dan stressed that he does not want the commission to begin scheduling user groups, but rather wants the user groups to work out their own schedules. The group also discussed insurance forms and men's soccer. Detailed discussion of field conditions followed and the group debated at length whether the fields need to be rested one day per week.

***A motion was made by Bill Burley and seconded by Glenn Johnson eliminate the practice of resting each KRP field one day per week. Bill Burley and Glenn Johnson in favor, Jim Duffield and Scot Thomas opposed, Brian Blair abstained. Chairman Dan Colonia opposed. Motion defeated.**

Dan explained that HKRec is an extension of the Park & Rec Commission and vice versa, noting that they both are the municipal agencies that oversee recreation. He suggested approving their application with the contingency that Robyn works with HKYFA to ensure the needs of all user groups are met.

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Brian Blair to approve HKRec's application for the use of KRP fields weeknights from 4:30 p.m. to dusk and Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., from 8/22 to 11/5/16 for soccer practices and games, with the understanding that the field needs of HKYFA must also be met. Motion passed unanimously.**

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Jim Duffield to deny HKRec's application for the use of the practice area for peewee soccer. Motion passed unanimously.**

***A motion was made by Bill Burley and seconded by Scot Thomas to approve HKYFA's application for the use of the practice area every night until dusk for football practices. Motion passed unanimously.**

Glenn expressed his interest in developing a master schedule of field usage for all user groups and fields and the group discussed HKRec's schedule as the most all-encompassing.

5. Treasurer's Report

Glenn explained that approximately 75% of the annual budget has been expended, with approximately \$17,300 remaining, before tonight's approved bills. Glenn further noted that the field repair line item was over budget due to unexpected repairs at Sheldon Park.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Sheldon Park – Dan noted that the upper parking lot has a big dip that should be addressed and agreed to ask Walter Adamatz to repair it. Dan also explained the broken maple tree near the playground is still a concern and the group discussed the urgency to remove it. Scot and Jim agreed to investigate. Dan also summarized the Lions Club's hope to approve the purchase and installation of approximately \$10,000 of playground equipment at their next meeting, adding that the KWO hopes to fundraise to contribute to the project as well. Dan expressed his hope that volunteers will install the timber walls to contain the woodchips and discussion of timeframes and coordinating installations followed. The group also discussed leveling the playground area.

- Rocco Field – nothing new discussed
- Bethke Field – Scot noted that the gate is down and should be removed and informed the commission that it appears an animal is living in the outfield. The group noted that this field is not being used and discussed offering it to HKYFA for practices.
- KRP – Bill explained that Noah Freeman is willing to help rebuild the rebounding wall if it is removed and discussion of procedure followed. Dan advised he will ask Ethan Drain to remove it.

7. New Business

Dan explained that KYL is currently hosting a well-attended district tournament with 2 games per day at Sheldon Park and added that the state tournament will be held at Sheldon Park next week. He advised that the fields look great with 2 new scoreboards that just need to be finished and noted that KYL has paid for extra port-o-potties to be brought in for the events.

8. Adjournment

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Bill Burley to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney
Recording Secretary