

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting October 2, 2017**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 2, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia
Bill Burley
Scot Thomas
Jim Duffield
Donna Clark

Absent: Brian Blair
Glenn Johnson

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

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017

***A motion was made by Bill Burley and seconded by Scot Thomas to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting. Donna Clark abstained. Motion passed.**

3. Visitors present: Ethan Drain, Drainscapes

Dan stated that the fields at Eric W. Auer KRP looked very good and noted that he has received positive feedback from user groups and residents. Ethan noted that he had treated the clover, reseeded bare spots and adjusted the irrigation patterns. He also stated that he would brush-hog the exterior areas within the next week. The group discussed the wear on the football field and possible solutions, including seeding areas in November, repairing soccer and lacrosse fields now and/or sodding in March, at length. The group also addressed the illegal parking problem and agreed that it is not an issue during football games due to the diligence of HKYFA, but noted that it is an issue during soccer usage. Ethan agreed to install 2 additional "No Parking" signs, and also agreed to remove the disassembled backboard.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Dan shared with the group that he received a proposal from KYL for a sign naming a field at Sheldon Park after Killingworth native and recent inductee into the MLB Hall-of-Fame Jeff Bagwell and requesting that the commission to help with the cost. In-depth discussion followed. It was noted that although the Board of Selectmen approved the naming of the field, the commission is not in agreement. Dan also presented a proposal he received from Drainscapes to weed the Eric W. Auer KRP parking lot at a cost of \$575. The commission discussed the proposal at length, including the cost, method of weeding and the timing, and agreed to proceed.

- b. The following bills were received:
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| bill from Drainscapes for maintenance at Eric W. Auer KRP, aeration and overseeding, totalling | 4,393.00 |
| bill from Drainscapes for stripping and removing turf and installing weed matting for playground at Eric W. Auer KRP, totalling | 2,793.63 |
| bill from Olson Sanitation, for port-o-potties, in the amount of | 615.00 |
| bill from Peter Cumpstone, Eric W. Auer KRP gatekeeper for August, in the amount of | 300.00 |
| bill from Kompan for balance due on Eric W. Auer KRP playground, in the amount of | 39,045.82 |
| bill from Kompan for borders at Eric W. Auer KRP playground, in the amount of | 1,923.01 |
| bill from Eversource, in the amount of | 197.57 |
| second bill from Eversource, in the amount of | 179.02 |
| bill from Langer Landscaping for Sheldon Park contract in the amount of | 3,185.00 |
| bill from Langer Landscaping to seed infields Sheldon Park in the amount of | 600.00 |

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Donna Clark to approve payment of the above bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

- c. No new applications were presented.

5. No Treasurer's Report was presented.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Sheldon Park – Dan noted that insurance claim has been submitted to replace the blinking sign and agreed to discuss the process with Cathy Iino and Gina Regolo. Discussion followed regarding the poor condition of the benches at the park, as well as options for their replacement, the cost of shipping concrete and the capital budget.
- Rocco Field and Bethke Field – nothing new was discussed.
- KRP – Dan informed the group that the newly completed playground is in constant use, and noted that there are additional chips to be spread when the chip in place settle. The group noted that the road behind the port-o-potties needs clean-up. Dan shared that 1 or 2 trees are missing from the islands in the parking lot and agreed to discuss with Ethan. Dan also shared that HKYFA would like to permanently install their scoreboard with a swivel to face more than one field and solar panels, and would share the scoreboard with other user groups. The commission discussed this request at length agreeing that HKYFA is a healthy, growing organization that has been beneficial to the town and has been a very good partner, and noting that the location should be back toward the trench and away from the irrigation.

b. Sheldon Park Playground – Dan explained that the installation of the Lions Club's equipment is again underway but is not completed, and added that he gave the Killingworth Women's Organization several options for equipment to donate but it is not yet installed either. He also noted that the playground needs borders and additional surface chips noting that there is money in the capital budget so he will get quotes. Discussion followed. Dan explained that the adult

fitness equipment has been installed, adding that Cathy Iino had wanted to hold a dedication ceremony for the playground this fall, but he informed her that the project has not yet been completed.

7. New Business

The commission discussed their 2018 meeting schedule agreeing to hold commission meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month whenever possible.

8. Adjournment

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Jim Duffield to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney
Recording Secretary