

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting January 9, 2017**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

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

Absent: Scot Thomas

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

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

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Donna Clark to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting. Brian Blair abstained. Motion passed.**

3. Visitors present: Kevin Wiese, HKYFA  
Bill Harwood, HKYFA

Kevin Wiese and Bill Harwood introduced themselves and explained that they would like to serve as the liaisons between the commission and the HK Youth Football Assoc. to ensure open lines of communication. The group then discussed the recent problem with the irrigation controls, and possible solutions including installing a keyed handle on the control unit or enclosing it in a locked structure. Kevin stated that the bill for repairs to the control unit would be paid. The group also discussed the area to connect a hose to the system, the need for electricity and water, the possibility of adding a spigot, the filter and the need to regulate the pressure for safety reasons. Kevin and Bill agreed that HKYFA would be willing contribute to achieve the best solution. Dan noted that Eric Auer should be consulted.

The recent complaint from KRP neighbor Susan Nesci regarding the PA system was also discussed. Bill Burley explained that the national anthem and player introductions were not the problem but rather the day-long play-by-play announcing of every game was troublesome. The group then discussed the placement of the speakers and Kevin agreed to resolve the issue.

Jim Duffield brought up the ongoing parking issues and in-depth discussion followed. The attendees then discussed the portable scoreboard and the possibility of installing it permanently, noting approvals and permits would be needed and proper placement would be crucial. The need and location of HKYFA's storage trailer was also questioned and Dan suggested that in the future it be positioned in the grassy area near their shed rather than occupying valuable space in the parking lot. Dan also clarified that nothing could be located in the front area near the walls and discussed the plan to install a playground at KRP. Possible upgrades to the practice area, which is used 3 to 4 days per week, were also discussed. Since the electrical panel is maxed out, expanding the irrigation system would be costly. Glenn suggested using temporary irrigation solutions and

leveling the area, explaining that the practice area was suggested by the contractor during the park's construction. In-depth discussion followed noting temporary irrigation would require oversight. Glenn agreed to look into costs. The group also discussed the option of using Bethke field for practices since KYL no longer uses it, noting parking would be the biggest issue, submitting field usage requests two months in advance and construction of a simple pavilion at KRP in the future.

Dan summarized the discussion by explaining that the fields were built to be used but care must be taken not to abuse or overuse them. He stressed that all user groups must work together in scheduling to ensure all user needs are met and to be certain that each field is rested at least one day per week as well as that no fields are used in bad weather. Dan also encouraged the HKYFA members to attend future commission meetings. Kevin and Bill agreed and summarized that HKYFA includes 130-150 families and hopes to be a good neighbor and steward for the park.

#### 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 Dec., in the amount of 280.00

bill from Peter Cumpstone, KRP gatekeeper for Dec., in the amount of 290.00

Dan explained the gatekeepers had opened the parks since the weather had been so mild.

bill from Eversource, in the amount of 46.27

second bill from Eversource, in the amount of 45.67

third bill from Eversource, in the amount of 45.86

fourth bill from Eversource, in the amount of 66.16

bill from Langer Landscaping to remove and store the tennis court nets at Sheldon Park, in the amount of 50.00

bill from Dan Colonia for 2 pickleball nets with bags and sturdy metal posts and 6 basketball nets, in the amount of 373.04

Dan noted that the pickleball nets are now being used indoors at KES and could be stored in the storage locker at Sheldon Park.

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

c. No applications were received.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Brian explained that \$28,332.43 (or approx. 40.6%) of the annual budget has been expended to date.

#### 6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Sheldon – Dan informed the commission that when Shawn Langer stored the tennis nets he discovered a burst hose had flooded the concession stand damaging some KYL equipment but not damaging any Park & Rec equipment. He informed KYL and noted it is KYL's responsibility to turn off the water for the winter. It was also noted that the flashing lights at Sheldon Park are off. Dan also explained that Cathy Iino was able to secure the grant to cover the cost of the lights and, therefore, the budgeted capital funds

- can be returned to the town. Additionally, Bill suggested that Anthony Carri take down the flag and turn off the light.
- Rocco and Bethke and KRP – nothing discussed
- b. Sheldon Park Playground – Dan informed the group that the millennium swing was installed two weeks ago and additional wood chips are now needed in that area.
- c. Sheldon Walking Trails – nothing was discussed.

#### 7. New Business

Dan shared his intention to contact Kompan and other vendors for proposals for the KRP playground. He explained that there is \$40,000 in the capital budget and he has requested an additional \$40,000 to complete the project. He also requested \$250,000 for the baseball field and, if approved, would probably start construction in the fall. Discussion followed of STEAP Grant cuts, irrigation and field size and use.

#### 8. Adjournment

**\*A motion was made by Bill Burley and seconded by Brian Blair to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney  
Recording Secretary