

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting March 13, 2017**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

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

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Dan informed the group that life-time Killingworth resident and long-time Park & Rec Commission supporter Eric Auer had passed away the day before. Dan went on to share that Eric was a great friend, not only of himself personally but also of the commission, who had volunteered both his time and services to the community for many years. Dan added he will be very missed. The group observed a moment of silence in honor of Eric Auer.

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2017

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion passed.**

3. Visitors present: Bill Harwood, HKYFA

Bill Harwood questioned the logistics of using the fields and practice area and Dan advised him to attend the commission meeting in either June or July to submit a field usage request. He also suggested that he coordinate his request with Robin at HK Recreation and added that Bethke Field is also available for practices. Discussion of HK Rec's usage followed. Glenn agreed to speak with Ethan Drain about upgrading the practice area and Bill Harwood stated that many HKYFA families would be willing to help with the work. The commission then discussed to option of user groups paying contractors for work on the practice area with the commission's help and approval. Discussion of irrigation and the use of water cannons followed noting additional heads cannot be added to the irrigation system but a couple of taps could be added.

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 February, in the amount of	100.00
bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.25

second bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.25
third bill from Eversource, in the amount of	45.88
fourth bill from Eversource, in the amount of	62.66
fifth bill from Eversource, in the amount of	45.98
sixth bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.25
seventh bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.25
eighth bill from Eversource, in the amount of	64.21

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

c. The following applications were received:

- Application from the Killingworth Horseshoe League for the use of the horseshoe pits at Sheldon Park from May through September from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Application from HK Recreation for the use of a small field at KRP for Soccer Clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7/10 to 8/10/17 (make-ups 8/15/& 8/17 if needed).
- Application from HK Recreation for the use of the tennis courts at Sheldon Park for Skyhawks Tennis on Mondays 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. from 6/19 through 7/24/17, and Mondays through Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. from 7/24 through 7/27/17 and 7/31 through 8/3/17.
- Application from HK Youth Lacrosse for the use of KRP Field #1 and Field #3 Mondays through Sundays from 4/1 through 6/30/17. (This application was presented verbally by Bill Burley, with the written application to be delivered later this week.)

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Donna Clark to approve the above field usage applications from the Killingworth Horseshoe League, HK Recreation and HK Youth Lacrosse. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Bill explained that approximately 43% of the annual budget has been spent to date, or approximately \$30,000 out of approximately \$70,000.

## 6. Old Business

- a. Parks and Field Maintenance – The commission set a date of Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting) for the annual field walk-through to begin at 8:00 a.m. at Sheldon Park. Dan advised the commissioners who are unable to attend to conduct their own walk-throughs and report back to the group.
- Sheldon Park - Dan noted that he would like to get a quote from Shawn Langer for work on the infield/grass lips and possibly adding some sod at Sheldon Park. He also advised the group that the new basket swing and other equipment is already being used. Scot shared that earlier in the day Cathy Iino gave approval to proceed. The group discussed programming options and ease of use from a laptop and Scot stated that On-Site is providing the signs at no extra charge. Once installed, the commission will contact EverSource,

- b. Sheldon Park Playground – Dan shared that the Lions Club is currently ordering their pieces of equipment and hope to install it on April 8 (if the equipment has arrived) adding that everyone is welcome to help.
- c. KRP Playground and Sheldon Fitness Equipment - Dan had emailed the commission with Kompan’s plans for the KRP playground (\$78,000 quote installed) and the Sheldon fitness track equipment (\$16,984 plus installation). In-depth discussion followed regarding the need for and type of surface material/chips, borders to contain the chips, location of the Sheldon fitness track, and funding for the projects. The group discussed possibly getting another quote. Dan explained that he gave a presentation to the Board of Selectmen noting \$40,000 is already in the budget and requested an additional \$35,000. He further noted that he now must speak with the Board of Finance adding that the earliest work could start would be July. He will speak with Ethan regarding the necessary site work.
- d. Sheldon Walking Trails – Glenn stated that the contract has been signed and work is expected to begin when the asphalt plants open in the spring.

#### 7. New Business

Dan informed the group that the Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, April 8, and added that he advised Ron Imbriglio to stay within the budgeted amount for prizes

Dan expressed his hope that one of the fields in Killingworth be named in memory of Eric Auer. He suggested the commission send a formal request to the Board of Selectmen to do so and shared his hope that the various user groups in town would do the same.

**\*A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Glenn Johnson to send a formal request to the Board of Selectmen asking that a field at Sheldon Park or KRP be named after Eric Auer. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### 8. Adjournment

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Scot Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney  
Recording Secretary