

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

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

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

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, March 13, 2017

The commission postponed to May approval of the March 13, 2017 meeting minutes since neither Brian Blair nor Jim Duffield were present at the March meeting.

3. Visitors present: Ethan Drain, Drainscapes

Ethan presented two proposals for maintenance work at KRP. The first proposal, in the amount of \$2,700, addresses repairs resulting from the spring walk-through conducted by Ethan and Glenn Johnson, and proposes to fertilize, apply grub and weed control to all fields and repair potholes at the entry to the park.

***A motion was made by Jim Duffield and seconded by Bill Burley to approve the above proposal for the above repairs to the fields at KRP. Motion passed unanimously.**

The second quote, in the amount of \$7,600, addresses repairs to the practice area. In discussion it was agreed that these repairs would not be sustainable without irrigation. Ethan agreed to look into adding two runs to the irrigation system and report back to the commission.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to group as received. Dan presented an email received earlier in the day in the Town Clerk's Office requesting use of a small grill to cook hot dogs at Sheldon Park. The group agreed that it would be permissible for personal use only; any other use would not be allowed.

b. The following bills were received:

bill from Sweitzer Waste Removal, (billed in advance) in the amount of	178.54
bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeper, for February, in the amount of	220.00
bill from Beaverkill Trout, fish for the fishing derby, in the amount of	600.00
bill from Hal Brown Co., for the fishing derby, in the amount of	599.60

The group discussed the number and timing of fish stocked for the fishing derby and noted it was under budget.

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

c. The following applications were received:

- Application from the CT Cycling Advancement Program for the use of Sheldon Park on May 13, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. as a rest stop on their ride.

The group noted that the parking lot could be very crowded on a Saturday during baseball season and wondered if Rocco Field would be better suited.

***A motion was made by Brian Blair and seconded by Bill Burley to approve the CT Cycling Advancement Program application. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Application from HKYFA for the use of Field 1 at KRP on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and the practice area Mondays through Saturdays from 8/1 to 11/1/17.

The commission agreed to table this application to the next meeting to allow time to coordinate with the HKRec Dept. It was also noted that Sunday usage for games was not requested.

5. Treasurer's Report

Dan explained that 43% of the annual budget has been spent with approximately \$40,000 remaining to finish the fiscal year.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Sheldon – Dan stated that he wants to ask Shawn Langer for a quote to fertilize and apply grub and weed control on the fields at Sheldon Park. Dan also noted that KYL would like to put up a net/fence to catch balls, and have “no cleats” signs installed at the basketball court. Trash removal was also discussed. KYL noticed trash not picked up at scheduled times and would like additional trash cans, and Dan suggested that Sweitzer's schedule be monitored. Dan shared the findings of his and Donna Clark's walk-through noting that some benches and picnic tables need repair/replacement. Especially noted was the poor condition of the cement and wood benches. Dan also noted that Jacqui Wilcox had asked when the second court would be painted for pickleball. Bill agreed to contact On-Site and the group discussed whether her organization should complete a field usage request.
- Rocco Field – It was noted that Rocco needs to be rolled.
- Bethke – Dan explained that the infield needs clean-up including raking and weed control.
- KRP – Bill stated that a large wasp nest near Field 3 was problematic last season and should be removed.

b. Sheldon Park Playground – Dan explained that the Lions Club had planned to install their playground equipment on April 8, but postponed that installation to April 22 or 29.

c. KRP Playground and Sheldon Fitness Equipment - Dan explained that he met with the Board of Finance to discuss the playground budget and noted that they questioned the request. The commission then discussed the cost of newer playgrounds in surrounding towns noting they cost two to three times the requested amount. In-depth discussion followed. The commission also discussed the Sheldon walking trails and adult fitness equipment.

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 all three members of the Board of Selectmen voted to approve renaming KRP in memory of Eric W. Auer. Dan added that he has discussed signage with Cathy Lino and discussion of sign vendors followed, noting the existing sign cost approximately \$2,500. Bill agreed to request a quote for the sign from On-Site. Dan suggested that a dedication be held to note the name change. Dan and Cathy also discussed explaining Eric's contributions to the town on a plaque somewhere at the park.

The members also discussed the commission's 10-year plan noting it hasn't been updated since 2007. In-depth discussion followed regarding the number of user groups sharing usage on both baseball/softball and multi-purpose fields, need for additional fields of both types, which fields are more needed, the lack of response to the last town recreation survey and allowing the next survey to be completed on-line. The group also discussed coordinating field construction with Haddam since most of the user groups encompass both towns.

8. Adjournment

***A motion was made by Jim Duffield and seconded by Bill Burley to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney
Recording Secretary