

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting, May 8, 2017**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia  
Bill Burley  
Brian Blair  
Glenn Johnson  
Donna Clark

Absent: Scot Thomas  
Jim Duffield

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting. Brian Blair abstained. Motion passed.**

Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, April 10, 2017

It was noted that the minutes incorrectly stated the date of the meeting in the heading.

**\*A motion was made by Bill Burley and seconded by Brian Blair to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2017 Regular Meeting, with the heading date corrected to April 10, 2017. Glenn Johnson and Donna Clark abstained. Motion passed.**

3. No visitors were present.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to group as received.

Dan shared 2 proposals received from Drainscapes:

- Install mulch, weed and trim plants in all beds at Eric W. Auer KRP at a cost of \$1300, and brush hog basins behind fields at a cost of \$200.
- Repair practice area including rototill, rake, hydro-seed and fertilize area at a cost of \$8200.

In-depth discussion of both Drainscapes proposals followed, specifically addressing the plant growth and insects/ticks in the basins, the need for irrigation on the practice area, the cost of the practice area project and the amount of money remaining in the budget. Dan noted that he will contact Ethan to see if he will add heads to the irrigation system, and he will reach out to the user groups for contributions to the project. The group agreed that spending a great deal of money on the practice area would be pointless without irrigation to preserve the investment.

**\*A motion was made by Glen Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to authorize the Drainscape proposal to clean beds and brush hog basins. Motion passed unanimously.**

b. The following bills were received:

Bill from Drainscapes for April maintenance at Eric W. Auer KRP (\$1693.63) as well as work not yet completed including fertilize, weed and grub control and pothole repair	4393.63
bill from Dawn Rees Mooney, for Feb., March and April, in the amount of	146.15
bill from Eversource, in the amount of	125.88
second bill from Eversource, in the amount of	46.37
third bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.25
fourth bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.25
bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeper, for April, in the amount of	300.00
bill from Peter Cumpstone, Eric W. Auer KRP gatekeeper, for April and flag in the amount of	367.99

The group discussed the Drainscapes bill and agreed they do not want to pay for work that has not been performed. Dan also explained that the HK Soccer Club requested that the gate at Eric W. Auer KRP be opened several additional days.

**\*A motion was made by Glen Johnson and seconded by Brian Blair to approve payment of the above bills, with the Drainscapes payment to cover only the April maintenance. Motion passed unanimously.**

bill from Olson Sanitation for port-o-potties in April, in the amount of	615.00
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**\*A motion was made by Glen Johnson and seconded by Donna Clark to approve payment of the Olson Sanitation bill. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. The following applications were received:

- Application from HKYFA for the use of Field 1 at Eric W. Auer KRP on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and the practice area from 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays from 8/1 to 11/1/17.
- Application from HKYFA for the use of Eric W. Auer KRP for 4-5 games between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays during September and October 2017, with exact dates not known at this time.

Detailed discussion followed noting field usage must end at dusk since lights are not allowed and specifying acceptable start times for games. The commission agreed that no games should begin before 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. The group also discussed the renovations planned for the practice field and noted that this area will be available only as field/grass conditions allow. In-depth discussion of other options followed and the commission agreed that Bethke Field could be an acceptable practice location for some football teams.

**\*A motion was made by Glen Johnson and seconded by Brian Blair to approve the HKYFA field usage applications with conditions as modified per discussion . Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Treasurer's Report

Brian explained that \$32,147 of the annual budget has been spent with \$37,563 remaining to finish the fiscal year. In depth discussion followed.

**\*A motion was made by Glen Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 6. Old Business

### a. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Sheldon – Dan stated that the pickleball lines had been painted on the second tennis court and noted Peter Cumpstone will trim branches in the playground area. It was also noted that the upper parking lot has several pot holes. Glenn added that the basketball court has marks from skateboard usage and discussion followed.
- Rocco Field and Bethke Field – Dan shared that he asked Langer Landscaping to rake and clean-up both fields.
- KRP – Dan informed the commission that approximately 8-10 “No Trespassing” signs had been posted by a neighbor on the northeast corner of the park property. He spoke with Cathie Jefferson and she suggested the commission invite the neighbor to the next meeting. Dan contacted the Town Hall who reached out to neighbor’s spokesman and Mike Milano responded agreeing to go look at the placement of the signs. Dan stated he will return soon to see if they have been removed. In-depth discussion of the property borders followed. Bill added that the repair performed after football to Field 1 did not take root so the field still has a bare dirt spot. Discussion followed regarding the roughness of football on the fields.

c. Sheldon Park Playground – Dan explained that the Lions Club President Justin Smith recently changed jobs and handed off the playground project to someone new. The installer has not yet been contracted. Discussion of wood chips in the basket swing area followed and Dan informed the commission that Scott Papoosha of Running Brook Farms agreed to spread them at no charge.

d. Eric W. Auer KRP Playground – Dan informed the commission that their request for an additional \$40,000 for the proposed playground was approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance. Dan also cautioned the group about the potential for both dramatic cuts in state funding to the town and increases in state expenses to the state.

e. Sheldon Walking Trails and Fitness Equipment – Dan stated that work has begun and the group discussed changes to the original design giving more room to the swings for safety reasons and additional distance from the irrigation system. It was also noted that the bleachers were moved to the top of the hill. The group discussed the progress on construction of the trail and changes to the walkway’s slope near the playground and the pond and the handicapped fishing pad. Once the construction is complete the group will look into adult exercise equipment for the flat area near the port-o-potties. Glenn agreed to attend a meeting with Roget and Jason Nemergut the next day. Dan informed the group that Dan Glynn is no longer KYL President and shared that he has gotten several emails from the new president regarding the walkway project construction equipment taking parking spots in the lot. The commission agreed that the entire park could have been closed for the construction’s duration, but they decided instead to do their best to keep the park open to meet the needs of the user groups while improving the park.

## 7. New Business

Dan shared that Scot informed him that the new flashing light signs will be installed within the next two weeks and discussion of the timing of the flashing ensued.

Dan also shared the evolution of the proposed design for the new signs at the Eric W. Auer KRP noting that the quote is expected soon.

8. Adjournment

**\*A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Brian Blair to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney  
Recording Secretary