

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting, June 12, 2017**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia
Glenn Johnson
Jim Duffield
Donna Clark
Scot Thomas (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)
Bill Burley (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)
Absent: Brian Blair

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

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, May 8, 2017

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Donna Clark to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting. Scot Thomas and Jim Duffield abstained. Motion passed.**

3. Visitors: Diane Phipps and Bill Harwood, HKYFA

Diane Phipps and Bill Harwood introduced themselves and the group discussed the proposed cost to upgrade and irrigate the practice area, as well as the improper timing of the project if it were to be started now. Dan explained the bidding process for a project of this cost and Dan and Glenn discussed the need for irrigation if the renovations were performed. Diane and Bill asked if there was anything they could do to speed up the process or assist the commission. It was agreed that the project should be postponed and Dan requested that HKYFA monitor the parking and possibly post signs, as well as turn their speakers away from the neighboring houses. The group also discussed HKYFA's portable scoreboard and a concession stand noting that the direction of the Health Director must be followed. HKYFA will use a temporary concession stand this coming season and would like to see a more permanent building down the road. Diane expressed the organization's desire to help make the park a better place for all users and noted that she will remain in contact with the commission.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to group as received.

b. The following bills were received:

Bill from Langer Landscaping for April maintenance at Sheldon Park
as well as spring clean ups, fertilizations, and installation of the
tennis court nets

2545.00

bill from Langer Landscaping for May maintenance at Sheldon Park and opening of the irrigation system	1475.00
bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeper, for May in the amount of	310.00
bill from Peter Cumpstone, Eric W. Auer KRP gatekeeper, for May in the amount of	310.00
bill from Peter Cumpstone, for clean-up of broken limbs, in the amount of	200.00
Bill from Drainscapes for May maintenance at Eric W. Auer KRP and numerous repairs	5093.63
bill from Eversource, in the amount of	189.23
second bill from Eversource, in the amount of	46.28
third bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.74
fourth bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.74
bill from Olson Sanitation, for port-o-potties, in the amount of	615.00
bill from Sweitzer, for May and June, in the amount of	359.00
bill from Northern Playground Surfacing, for Sheldon playground, to come out of the capital budget in the amount of	1874.40
bill for deposit on Kompan equipment for Eric W. Auer KRP playground, to come out of the capital budget in the amount of	39,045.82

***A motion was made by Jim Duffield and seconded by Scot Thomas to approve payment of the above bills. Bill Burley abstained. Motion passed.**

c. No applications were presented.

5. Treasurer's Report

Glenn explained that \$35,594 (or 51%) of the annual budget has been spent with \$34,146 remaining to finish the fiscal year. Discussion followed.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Sheldon – The group agreed that the park looks good with the newly upgraded playground and expanded walkways that are ready to pave, and expressed their satisfaction with the many options it now offers. Installation of the Lion's Club equipment has been postponed again, now to July. The group discussed the damn in the pond noting it is holding water for now but will need repair. The group also noted that KYL put up steel beams need to be painted with protruding bolts that need to be cut on the scoreboards. Dan will contact Dan Glynn to resolve. Cathy Iino also delivered to the meeting the new "John J. Ahearn Field" sign for the upper field and discussion of possible installation options followed. Dan noted that the Ahearn family paid for the sign and he expressed his hope that the commission would reimburse them. He also shared that KYL would like to name the lower field after Jeff Bagwell.
- Rocco Field and Bethke Field – nothing new was discussed.
- KRP – Dan informed the commission that the new sign with the park's new name has been ordered and donated by On-Site. Dan would like to hold a brief dedication ceremony in September and will coordinate the date with HKRec.

b. Sheldon Park Playground – discussed earlier in the meeting.

- c. Eric W. Auer KRP Playground – The commission discussed at length the location and orientation of the new playground, location for a future concession stand, as well as the site prep work that will be required. It was noted that this area was originally designed for the playground and pavilion. It was further noted that a septic system was not in the original plan. Dan agreed to work with Kompan to stake out the site and Dan and Glenn agreed to meet at the park the next morning. In-depth discussion followed regarding moving the concrete picnic tables and moving or removing the rebounding wall that was previously taken down.
- d. Sheldon Walking Trails and Fitness Equipment – discussed earlier in the meeting.

7. New Business

Dan informed the commission that the new flashing light at Sheldon Park was destroyed by an automobile accident the day after it was installed. Discussion followed regarding insurance coverage and Dan added that an accident report is on file with the state police.

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