

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting October 1, 2018**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present:	Dan Colonia Jim Duffield Brian Blair Bill Burley Scot Thomas (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)	Absent:	Glenn Johnson Donna Clark
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1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018

***A motion was made by Jim Duffield and seconded by Bill Burley to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting. Dan Colonia and Brian Blair abstained. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Visitors present: Robyne Brennan, HK Rec
Dan Glynn, KYL
Diane Phipps and Chris Smalley, HKYFA
Mike Civiello, HKLacrosse

Dan discussed an incident that occurred last week at Eric W. Auer KRP where a football coach held practice on a very wet practice field during heavy rainfall. He went on to explain that the commission has always trusted the user groups to use their own judgement regarding use of the fields in poor conditions, but this particular incident was unacceptable. Dan noted that the commission has spent a great deal of time and money on the fields and wants them to be used, but stressed that users must be careful and aware of conditions. In-depth discussion of specific situations, field conditions and the irrigation planned for the practice area followed and Dan encouraged users to contact him or other commission members if conditions are questionable. Dan praised the user groups for the overall good judgement they have demonstrate and asked them to continue to care for the fields.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to the group as received.

b. The following bills were received:

bill from Dawn Rees Mooney, recording secretary, for July, August and September in the amount of	100.31
bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon Park gatekeeper (Aug.) in amount of	310.00
bill from Langer Landscapes for maintenance at Sheldon Park in the amount of	2,030.00
bill from Olson Sanitation, in the amount of	740.00
bill from Eversource in the amount of	141.46
second bill from Eversource in the amount of	162.39

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

c. A new application to hold a 1-year old's birthday party at Sheldon Park was discussed noting the pavilion cannot be reserved, but no action was taken because the party had already occurred.

4. No Treasurer's Report was presented.

5. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance

- Sheldon Park – The group discussed a damaged post on the first base line of the upper field as well as a wet outfield area.
- Rocco Field - nothing new was discussed.
- Bethke Field – nothing new was discussed.
- Eric W. Auer KRP – The group discussed the bent poles at the rear of the park and decided to get a quote from a new company to repair them since Charlie Rickert had not responded. The commission decided to include the damaged pole at Sheldon Park in the quote as well.

b. The group discussed with Dan Glynn the batting cages to be constructed by Eagle Scout candidate Nash Knowlton including fund raising vs KYL's contributions, location, size and construction. Dan Glynn explained that the area is already staked out and the plans are moving forward. The commission noted that Nash had not informed them of the exact design from the options discussed at the last meeting, and Dan Glynn explained that Nash's plan is to construct a double wide cage, 30' x 75', with permanent posts and removable nets.

6. New Business

a. Field Usage Guidelines – discussed earlier in meeting under Visitors.

b. Review of Capital Projects

- Disc Golf – Dan noted that he will share a map of the park with Rob LeMire to determine if the shooting range he found is on town property. Dan explained that there is \$5,000 in the capital budget for disc golf and suggested they use the funds to order holes for the project.
- Benches – Dan explained that there is \$5,000 in the budget for park benches for Sheldon Park as well. The group discussed material, size and bench locations in detail and agreed to purchase several 6-foot composite benches to be anchored to the ground to replace the existing benches at the park that are damaged or missing.
- Eric W. Auer KRP Practice Area Irrigation – Dan expressed his plan to have Glenn prepare an Invitation to Bid to get irrigation and improvements on the practice area at Eric w. Auer KRP. In-depth discussion followed regarding options, controls, new and existing zones, and the group agreed to discuss the project with Ethan Drain as well as other contractors.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney
Recording Secretary