

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting March 12, 2018**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Killingworth Town Office Building, 323 Route 81, Killingworth, Connecticut.

Present: Dan Colonia
Jim Duffield
Glenn Johnson
Donna Clark
Brian Blair
Bill Burley
Scot Thomas (arrived at 7:38 p.m.)

1. Chairman Dan Colonia called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting. Brian Blair abstained. Motion passed.**

3. Visitors: Michael Walton, HK Soccer Club

Michael Walton attended the meeting to answer any questions for the HK Soccer Club.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to the group as received.

b. The following bills were received:

bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeper, for 20 days in February in the amount of	200.00
bill from Eversource, in the amount of	46.75
second bill from Eversource, in the amount of	44.59

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

bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeper, for 20 days in January in the amount of	200.00
bill from Eversource, in the amount of	46.08
second bill from Eversource, in the amount of	57.62

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to approve payment of the following bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. The following new applications were presented:

- HK Recreation application for Everson Soccer Clinic, Teddy Tennis and Tennis Camp
- HK Soccer Club application for soccer practices and games, K-2 Soccer Academy, HKHS team summer tennis and men's over 40 league
- HK Youth Lacrosse Assoc. application for Lacrosse practices and games.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson and seconded by Bill Burley to approve the above field usage applications with the exception of HK Soccer Club's K-2 request for Saturday mornings. Motion passed unanimously.**

The committee also discussed the following application noting the organization is a for-profit club:

- CT Rush Soccer application, submitted by Greg Cumpstone, for Field 2 at Eric W. Auer KRP 1-2 weeknights with games on weekends.

In-depth discussion followed and the commission agreed that local organizations should have priority. Dan added that the commission does not own the nets, field lines, flags, ... The user groups have ownership, therefore they must agree and be paid. Dan noted the town has no guidelines regarding usage charges for organizations such as the CT Rush who make a considerable profit on each player, so he spoke with Cathy Iino who agreed to poll surrounding towns' policies. Glenn stated that since grant money was used to build the fields, they should be open to all. Members more concerned that local user groups might not get needed field time if the application was approved, and then discussed other fields in the region. Dan expressed his hope that the CT Rush will work out a schedule with HK Soccer (responsible for field scheduling) and return with a more detailed application. It was also noted that RSD#17 does not allow local user groups to use their fields despite the fact that local tax money funds them.

***A motion was made by Glenn Johnson to approve the field usage application from Greg Cumpstone for the CT Rush organization. There being no second, no vote was taken.**

5. Treasurer's Report

Dan informed the group that \$39,367 of the \$71,740 budget (or 60-65%) has been spent.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance –

- Sheldon Park – Donna suggested the tennis nets be installed since the HKHS tennis season begins April 19. Dan added that the damn should be repaired before the April 14 fishing derby adding that the fish will be delivered to Sheldon Pond on March 29 and need several weeks to acclimate. Dan also discussed the previously approved sodding of the infield edges noting the weather has delayed installation.
- Rocco Field, Bethke Field and Eric W. Auer KRP – nothing was discussed.

7. New Business

Dan informed the group that since this commission has had a budget surplus for the past several years, the Board of Selectmen has decided to reduce the requested annual budget by \$5000. Dan noted that he discussed this reduction with the Selectmen explaining that if an emergency arises he will return to them with a request for additional funds.

Dan asked the committee members to conduct their annual spring field maintenance walk-throughs on their own over the next few weeks and report back at the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

***A motion was made by Jim Duffield and seconded by Scot Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney
Recording Secretary