

## **Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission Minutes**

### **Regular Meeting, December 13, 2021**

Present: Jim Duffield (Chair), Chris Smalley, Donna Clark, Jeremy Burr, Glenn Johnson, Bill Burley, Brian Blair, Cheryl DeFilippo (Recording Secretary)

1. **Call to Order**: Jim Duffield called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes**: A motion was made by Chris Smalley to approve the November 8, 2021 Minutes. Glenn Johnson seconded the motion. No discussion followed and the motion was voted with 1 abstention by Donna Clark.

3. **Visitors**: None.

4. **Communications, Bills, and Applications**:

The following bills were received:

Eversource: (Nov) \$72.36 Sheldon Park; (Nov) \$47.07 KRP Auer

Pete Cumpstone Gate-keeping: (Nov) \$300 (30 days) KRP Auer

Sweitzer: (Nov) \$84.39 Sheldon Park; (Nov) \$34.76 Rocco; (Nov) \$64.51 KRP Auer; (Nov) \$19.88 Bethke, totaling \$203.54

Olson Sanitation: (Nov) \$800 the breakdown of this increased bill included damage to lower unit due to fire (\$150). Jim will ask for confirmation of damage via photos

Langer Landscapes: \$300 winterizing irrigation at Sheldon Park

Langer Landscapes: \$1,250 mowing contract for (Oct & Nov); additional charge of \$1,600 for slice seeding and fertilizing at Sheldon Park

Langer indicated a \$2500 balance for mowing Sheldon, Bethke, Rocco. Jim will question this charge.

Glenn made a motion to approve payment of the bills, except the Langer bill in question. Bill Burley seconded the motion. No discussion followed and the motion was voted unanimously.

5. **Treasurer's Report**: Donna Clark presented the Treasurer's Report. To date, the Commission has used 29% of budget, having spent \$25,156.

6. **Old Business**:

Parks and Field Maintenance:

Sheldon Park: Jim is still working on the removal of the benches and clean-up. Commission members have placed several phone calls to different companies regarding quotes for cleaning the tennis courts and/or fixing the existing cracks. Jim will contact Gina regarding the single quote the Commission has in hand. There is uncertainty about how to proceed if additional quotes cannot be secured.

Donna asked if the Public Works Department could clean the tennis courts. Jim had contacted them as well, without a response. Donna will reach out to Ethan of Drainscapes to see if he can assist. If he cannot, he might know of someone to contact.

Donna will also call Hinding Tennis Courts regarding fixing the cracks in the tennis courts. Bill reported he contacted Ace Sports Services but hasn't received a response.

Rocco Field: Nothing new to report

Bethke Field: Nothing new to report

Eric W. Auer Killingworth Recreational Park (KRP): Donna will reach out to the Killingworth Garden Club to see if the Club might take on maintaining the flower beds at KRP. The Commission will offer to purchase plants. Jim will also make a flyer for the kiosk soliciting volunteers for the same purpose.

Mike Harkin is in charge of the pavilion plans. Chris is working with him on discussing the plans for the septic system. Jim suggested meeting unofficially to discuss the pavilion plan prior to the next Commission meeting, even on a weekend. Mike indicated he would be available to meet after the Christmas holiday. Jim is interested in a pavilion sized at 30x60', same design as Sheldon with one additional set of posts. The actual location of the pavilion still needs to be confirmed (most likely behind the football shed which would be eliminated).

Jim continues to try and obtain a copy of the police report regarding damage caused to the rock wall. Jim has a \$800 quote to repair the wall. Since the insurance company will most likely reimburse this cost, Glen made a motion to approve the bid for the rock wall repairs. Chris seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was voted unanimously.

The discussion turned to the grant proposal involving a new hardball baseball field. Jim asked the Finance Office for a copy of the original grant, but it was not available. Jim will ask Elizabeth in the Selectwoman's Office for a copy. One significant factor regarding this grant is the ability to design the baseball field, pavilion, pickle ball court and dog park all at the same time.

Jim will send out a reminder to the Commission members to think about capital improvements (the 10-year plan), *e.g.*, volleyball court, pickle ball courts, dog park.

The discussion turned to using potential baseball field money to develop Rocco and make it more usable. However, the Commission needs information on whether there is a stipulation in the grant on where the money was to be spent. There are also other conditions such as wetlands, cost of moving fences, estimating cost of fill that need to be reviewed before any development. Currently, the field is not being used.

7. **New Business**: Bill mentioned that Cooper Pitts, an eagle scout who previously met with Commission, would like to be invited to the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss his eagle scout project. The Commission provided Cooper with some ideas when he was a visitor back in September.
8. **Adjournment**: A motion was made by Chris to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

The next meeting of the Commission is Monday, January 10, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl DeFilippo, Recording Secretary