

**Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting January 11, 2021**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Gotomeeting.com due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

Present: Jim Duffield
Bill Burley
Brian Blair
Donna Clark
Chris Smalley
Scot Thomas

Absent: Glenn Johnson

1. Chairman Jim Duffield called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. Minutes of: Regular Meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020

***A motion was made by Chris Smalley and seconded by Bill Burley to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting. Donna Clark and Scot Thomas abstained; motion passed.**

3. No visitors were present.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications

a. Communications are emailed to the group as received.

b. The following bills were received:

bill from Peter Cumpstone, Eric W. Auer KRP gatekeeper, for December (22 days) in the amount of 220.00

bill from Anthony Carri, Sheldon Park gatekeeper, for December (24 days) in the amount of 240.00

bill from Drainscapes, for December maintenance contract at Eric W. Auer KRP in the amount of 2,052.00

bill from Eversource in the amount of 74.92

Discussion followed regarding the above bill for electrical service a Sheldon Park noting it is twice the amount billed for November. The group agreed that baseball's Ed Merola should be contacted regarding increased electric usage.

bill from Eversource in the amount of 47.41

bill from Olson Sanitation for December, with an additional \$25 tip-over charge at Eric W. Auer KRP, in the amount of 185.00

bill from Langer Landscape for Sheldon maintenance contract (\$1250), fertilizing (\$1200) and "other mowing" (\$687.50), in the amount of 3,137.00

Discussion followed regarding the specifics of the above Langer bill noting no details such as the date of the additional services or the location of the additional mowing were stated.

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas and seconded by Bill Burley to approve payment of the above bills, including the Langer bill for the Sheldon maintenance contract but excluding the amounts for fertilizing and other mowing. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. No new applications were received.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jim explained that approx. 51.5% of the budget was expended as of January 1. Jim shared his concern that the field maintenance budget was reduced by the Board of Finance and is now nearly exhausted. He added he will check with Cathy Iino noting other line items such as tree work and wood chips are funded.

6. Old Business

a. Parks and Field Maintenance

- Sheldon Park – Jim will again contact the equipment vendor for repairs
- Rocco Field – The commission will check with users regarding plans for use
- Bethke Field & Eric W. Auer KRP – nothing new was discussed

Jim explained that he updated the maintenance contract documents to include specific details about services included and advised that he will email a draft to the group.

7. New Business

Jim explained that he reviewed Killingworth's Charter noting that the majority of the document does not apply to the commission, and asked if the group wanted to see any changes. Bill shared that he attended the Charter Review Commission's most recent meeting, and detailed discussion followed. Bill agreed to contact the Charter Revision Commission or attend their next meeting. Jim also shared that he discussed hiring a handyman for Sheldon park with Cathy Iino who was not opposed. He further noted that details of how to pay the person need to be worked out. Detailed and in-depth discussion followed regarding the option of the Town assuming field maintenance responsibility as is common in other towns. The group agreed that the main problem with this idea is loss of control over field conditions.

***A motion was made by Scot Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney
Recording Secretary