

## **Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission Minutes Regular Meeting September 13, 2021**

The Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021, in-person at Sheldon Park.

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

Absent: Jim Duffield (Chair), Brian Blair

1. **Call to Order**: Bill Burley called the meeting to order at 7:33pm
2. **Approval of Minutes**: A motion was made by Donna Clark to approve the Minutes of the special meeting held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jeremy Burr seconded the motion. No discussion followed and the motion was approved by the Commission members with 1 abstention by Glenn Johnson.
3. **Visitors**: Ed Merola from the Shoreline Breakers (baseball and softball) recognized the generosity of the Town in permitting the Breakers to utilize the baseball fields. Ed offered his organization to help in maintaining the fields, batting cage areas, etc. There are currently 6 teams that play at the Middle School for the Breakers. They are even willing to contribute to costs if necessary. Bill mentioned Langer submitted a proposal for work on the baseball fields and that perhaps the Commission would keep the Shoreline Breakers in mind for contributions.
4. **Communications, Bills and Applications**:  
The following bills were received:  
Anthony Carri Gate-keeping: (Aug) (Sheldon Park) \$310  
Sweitzer: (Aug) Sheldon Park) \$84.39; (Rocco) \$34.76; (KRP Auer) \$64.51; (Bethke) \$19.88  
Langer mowing: (Aug) (Sheldon, Rocco, Bethke) \$1,250.00  
Langer: (Aug) mowing \$687.50 – this bill was not approved for payment and was submitted to the Finance Office for inquiry

A motion was made by Glenn to pay the bills except for the Langer invoice in question. Chris Smalley seconded the motion. No discussion followed and the motion was unanimously approved.

### Applications:

HK High School Cross Country team – Sheldon Pavilion on September 27<sup>th</sup> for a pasta dinner, taking place from 5:30pm-dusk

Shoreline Breakers – Sheldon Park (both fields) from September 1-November 7, evenings and weekends for baseball and softball games and practices

Shoreline Breakers – Rocco Field from September 1-November 7, evenings, and weekends for baseball practice

A motion was made by Chris to approve the applications. Glenn seconded the motion. No discussion followed and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Bill reported during the months of July and August, the Commission has used 12/7% of its fiscal year budget.

6. **Old Business:**

**Parks and Field Maintenance:** Glenn asked about the status of the grant for the previously planned baseball field. Bill mentioned that Jim was looking into whether the funds could only be used for the baseball field, or if the funds could be expanded to cover all of the fields. A discussion followed about the difficulty in varying the purpose of the grant since it was "in progress" for about 12 years. Chris added that the grant proposal was submitted prior to the installation of the Middle School's hardball field. Ed participated in the discussion stating with the increased number of teams and players, there is currently an overlap with field use and another hardball field would benefit the community.

Glenn proposed reviewing the plans and soliciting quotes so construction could begin in Spring 2022.

Donna inquired about a specific time frame in which the Town needed to spend the money, and concern whether the Town would need to supplement the funding since it's been so long since the proposal was originally submitted. Chris added all quotes would now have to include a prevailing wage clause which was not previously factored into the proposal. The discussion should continue at the Commission's October meeting.

Bill turned the discussion to the need to follow up with the pickleball courts. They need to be cleaned, maintained, and there is a crack that needs to be repaired. Donna mentioned she contacted three companies suggested by Jim but was successful in talking with one. She received a quote of \$6,500 to clean the courts and repair the crack. The lines also need repainting. A quote of \$27,000 was received to paint the lines. Glenn suggested Donna contact Dave Miller in Clinton regarding the painting. Bill mentioned the crack should be repaired before winter. Chris offered to contact Pioneer (a sealcoating company in North Branford) to become better informed on what needs to be done to properly fix the courts.

**Sheldon Park:** The irrigation pump was repaired at no charge by Servotec in Middletown. It will need to be replaced and replumbed because it is not the correct motor enclosure, and the pump can get submerged if the water level rises.

**Rocco Field:** not used in a while; no one heard of any problems

**Bethke Field:** overgrown – rarely being used

**Eric W. Auer Killingworth Recreational Park (KRP):** Damage was caused from horseback riders. Chris called Ethan Drain to see if the field could be rolled to remove the divots. But something must be done to prevent this type of damage from reoccurring –

perhaps change the angle of the cameras, add more cameras, ask Cathy to make a statement in the *Killingworth Krier*.

Chris also mentioned the practice field needs fertilization, mowing, and repairs. The additional work should be included with the next rounds of bids.

7. **New Business**: None
8. **Adjournment**: Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. No further discussion followed, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Commission is Monday, October 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl DeFilippo, Recording Secretary