

Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2023
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth CT

1. Call to Order: Jim called the meeting to order at 7:32 Present: Jim Duffield, Chairman, Donna Clark, Jeremy Burr, Chris Smalley, Glenn Johnson, Bill Burley

2. Approval of Minutes: Chris made a motion to approve the December 12, 2022 minutes, Glenn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Visitors:

Ethan Pitts, looking for suggestions for his Eagle Scout project. The Commission suggested bridge work for disk golf, benches, and trail clearing and marking with benches at Auer park.

Haddam Killingworth Little League, Lauren Perley, Mike Cunningham and Cailey Anderson Grant funding discussion:

Glenn gave an overview of the Commission's plan for baseball after Sheldon park renovation and development of Auer park. Outlined how the dynamic of participation has changed since grant application-grant approval.

Discussed whether a new field at Auer could accommodate different levels. Does HK Little League currently have enough fields based on their current numbers? The Commission asked them to quickly submit field requests as well as current participation numbers. The Commission made clear that an all purpose field accommodates more use for more sports and will alleviate overuse issues on current fields. HKLL requests new plans for all purpose field, budgets and more information to be made available to the public for grant project. The Commission clarified that the grant is strictly for a new construction project at Auer Park. The grant and other information is available at town hall. The Commission also made clear that the master plan is quite fluid due to changing needs and requests from user groups.

Jim also requested volunteer help from HKLL for maintenance at Sheldon and Rocco. Lauren mentioned a cleanup day at Rocco to clean up pipes from the old batting cage and irrigation system, the Commission concurred. Discussed potential changes at Rocco to accommodate different ages, as in multipurpose softball/tee ball configuration.

4. Communications, Bills and Applications:

Eversource: Auer \$47.18, Sheldon \$60.80

Sweitzer: Sheldon \$112.02, Auer \$69.08 we owe \$61.14 due to credit.

Anthony Cari: \$310 Dec. gatekeeping, Sheldon

Regional Restrooms: Auer \$361.50 Sheldon \$570.00

TruGreen: \$1552.00, fertilizing

Glenn made a motion to approve the bills, Chris seconded the motion.
Discussed changing the restroom company, the motion passed unanimously.

Shoreline Breakers baseball application, will be addressed in February.

5. Treasurer's Report: 64.5%, \$46.000/\$76.000, field maintenance @ 104%

6. MYCIP Review: Reviewed ideas for skating rink per a request, pavilion at Auer, septic and concession at Auer, Sheldon Pavilion repair/paint, dog park at Auer.

Jim has requested a significant increase in our operating budget due to increased costs for fertilization and field maintenance.

7. Old Business:

Sheldon, sod upper field in fall...or plan to attempt this March?

Softball field needs sand, the field should be hand raked rather than motorized rake which pushes sand to the outside creating a high lip.

Reviewed questions from the state regarding the Grant. Submitted answers regarding type of turf (natural), fencing, intention as a multi purpose field, double gate, sprinkler irrigation.

8. New Business: No new business was discussed.

9. Adjournment: Bill made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Clark