

Killingworth Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
June 19, 2023
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth, CT

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

2.Public Comment:

Lauren Perley, HKLL

-Update on grant

-Bethke: truck drove on field, backstop issue, no benches for players, no toilet, safety issues (boulder)

-Sheldon: trash, sprinkler, porta potty ,, mound of dirt near softball field

-Rocco: update on the possibility of turning the field into a skinned field?

Ed Merola, Shoreline Breakers: he is interested in feedback on potential user group fees, willing to contribute but wants ballpark figure asap.

3.Approval of the Minutes: Glen made a motion to approve the May 8, 2023 Minutes, Chris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4.Visitors Ethan Pitts, Eagle Scout project, dock at Sheldon Park for fishing and enjoying the water, not handicap accessible, composite floor, railings on three sides, 10'x16' \$3,275-\$5000 needed and will be raised, building this fall. The Commission gave Ethan permission to move forward with this project.

5.Communications, Bills and Applications:

Applications: Horseshoe League, Sheldon Park, May 19- Oct 15, Thursdays 5:30-9pm, Chris made a motion to approve the application, Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bills: Anthony Cari, \$310 May gatekeeping at Sheldon

Pete Cumpstone, \$310 May gatekeeping at Auer

Eversource Sheldon \$105.48 Auer \$137.40

Hal Brown, fishing derby prizes \$533.37

Tru Green, baseball fields fertilizing, \$776.00

Langer Landscapes May April mowing, month 5 and 6 of contract \$2125.71/ \$4251.42,
Sheldon

Drainscapes, \$2928.75 monthly contract, Auer

Sweitzer: Sheldon \$177.02, Auer \$177.02 Rocco \$119.90 Bethke \$87.42 \$561.36 total

Regional Restroom: Auer, \$225.50, Sheldon \$330.00

Glen made a motion to approve the bills, there was a discussion about Sweitzer service (not emptying cans), should we switch providers? Motion was amended to pay all bills except Sweitzer, Bill seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Communications:

Jim asked for another person to also check town emails, Donna will also check emails via town email address.

Discussed broken playground equipment at Sheldon, will order new parts going beyond our budget.

6.Treasurer's Report: Park and Recreation budget for next year will be \$90,000.

7.Old Business

General parks and field maintenance: Fertilizing plan and contract, TruGreen. Next year, the contract is a comprehensive \$5,000, all baseball fields.

Jim made a motion to approve this contract for fertilization next year, it was seconded by Bill and passed unanimously.

-Closed fields sign, should say dusk.

-Signs on baseball fence or fence at Auer, discussed how to handle signage rules in the future.

-costs for using fields: large variation on what different towns do, average hourly cost about \$77hr., we need to start looking at what is reasonable, how to have a consistent fee for outside organizations, Beginning this discussion...

Upper Sheldon baseball infield will be done this fall, and the field will close at the time.

Discussed pickleball courts at Rocco, four courts, waiting on JLS price.

8. New Business:

Eric Auer Pavillion: approved, we will meet on site to discuss on June 26

Sheldon Pavillion: repair, approved, siding repairs and paint.

Well water tested at Sheldon

Auer Baseball Field:

-minimal change to existing plan before bids

- Pre-bid meeting will be scheduled. Bids should include well and electrical brought to pedestal.

Hoping to go out to bid by August 1.

Chris made a motion to adjourn at 9:34.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Clark

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