

Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
October 16, 2023
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth CT

1.Call to Order: Jim called the meeting to order at 7:31 Present : Jim Duffield (Chair), Donna Clark (remote), Glenn Johnson, Chris Smalley, Bill Burley, Jeremy Burr Absent: Brian Blair

2.Public Comment:- new signs for parks
-bleachers
-dogs not permitted in parks
-Eileen Unger reported of her work to gather volunteers to install new playground equipment. She is also working with The Rustic Barn to build picnic tables for Sheldon Park. Also, organizing town-wide softball game as a fundraiser, possibly for bleachers.

3.Approval of the Minutes: Glenn made a motion to approve the September 18, 2023 Minutes, Chris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4.Visitors: Lauren Perley, Eileen Unger, Nancy Gorski, James Dellasala

5.Communication, Bills and Applications:

Bills:

Drainscapes: 2 of 8, \$2,987.32 3 of 8, \$2987.32

Regional Sheldon \$330

 Auer \$ 452.90

 Rocco \$104.50 Should this be paid by town or Commission? Jim will inquire.

Langer \$6220.00, sod for upper field \$2121.71, mowing

Pete Cumpstone, August gatekeeping for Auer, \$310.00

Anthony Carri, September gatekeeping for Sheldon, \$300.00

Eversource \$49.27 Auer

 \$101.35 Sheldon

Maxum irrigation, Sheldon repair, \$1442.56 (36459) \$1468.40 (36553)

TruGreen Fertilizer for all baseball fields \$826.43

Sweitzer:

Rocco \$119.90
Sheldon \$177.02
Bethke \$ 67.20
Auer \$177.02

Glenn made a motion to approve the bills , Bill seconded the motion, discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report: 15% of budget or \$13,795 spent

7. Old Business:

- Sweitzer under contract until Jan 2025
- Costs for field usage for non-town user groups, should we charge or ask groups to cover costs, i.e. fertilizer, fees charged would go to the general fund rather than directly to parks.

Sheldon:

- garbage issues, occasional non pickup
- infield work upper field, complete
- lights still need to be removed
- Pavillion, discussed quotes for repair, Bill will pursue. **Chris made a motion to complete work on the pavilion up to \$7500, Bill seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**
- playground equipment, need volunteers to assemble, will send out to user groups for help.

Rocco:

- painting dugouts, HKLL working on a list of needed improvements, volunteer action by user groups.
- concession, no water
- general clean up of site
- Pickleball location, discussion of ARPA funds, on hold until capital project approval
- skin infield, end of season, need to inquire about requesting from BOS

Bethke:

- Infield, does HKLL rake or maintain? Discussion about frequency of maintenance. Chris will again turn over the field in the spring.
- fallen tree removed, fence needs repair
- create list of needed repairs

Eric Auer:

- gate repair, need to straighten post
- flower beds, reach out to Garden Club

-Pavillion bids, Glenn and Jeremy will work on and bring proposal to Commission
-seed slicing needs?

South field project:

-Jim asks the commission for a recommendation regarding bids of all purpose field. What's the flexibility of this field? Discussed fencing, other uses. It was decided to recommend the lowest bid to the BOS, with the concern that they will be able to be bonded. Jim set up a meeting with Jake Nemergut to examine the flexibility of the field regarding other uses such as soccer. An outfield fence is currently in the plan.

8.New Business:

-Many inquiries and requests lately about lights for the tennis/pickleball courts at Sheldon and at any potential new facility.

9.Adjournment: Bill makes a motion to adjourn at 8:49

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Clark