

Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2023
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth, CT

1.Call to Order: Jim called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Present: Jim Duffield (Chair), Bill Burley, Chris Smalley, Jeremy Burr and Donna Clark. Absent: Glenn Johnson, Brian Blair

2.Public Comment:

3.Approval of the Minutes: Donna made a motion to approve the October 16, 2023 meeting minutes, Chris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4.Visitors: Lauren Perley (HKLL), James Dellasala (HKLL), Dave Long, Nancy Long, Jacque Wilcox, Pete Staniforth: Pickleball advocates

5.Communications, Bills and Applications:

Bills:

Langer Landscapes, #4, \$2121.71

Sweitzer, Bethke \$67.20

Auer \$177.02

Rocco \$119.90

Sheldon \$177.02

TruGreen, fertilization (last) \$826.43

Regional Restrooms, Sheldon \$330.00

Auer \$401.50

Pete Cumpstone, October gatekeeping, Auer, \$310.00

Anthony Carri, October gatekeeping, Sheldon, \$310.00

Eversource, Sheldon \$143.86, Oct.

Auer \$48.22, Oct.

Sheldon \$119.87, Nov.

Auer \$48.69, Nov.

Chris made a motion to approve the bills, Jeremy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

-discussed porta-potty pickup for winter at Auer and one at Sheldon, will leave for another month.

6.Treasurer's Report: 37.7% budget, \$33,964.55 spent

7.Old Business:

-discussion regarding charging fees for out of town players/teams for field usage.

Sheldon Park

- upper field work is finished
- irrigation is currently working
- Langer for typical fall cleanup
- Pavillion, restoration work this fall , weather permitting
- Playground, coordinating work day to assemble new equipment; equipment on lower side to be cleaned.
- HKLL will incorporate field maintenance instruction in coaches training
- Softball field needs to be redefined, edging and drainage work

Bethke

- fence needs to be fixed, tree removed
- discussed general upkeep

Eric Auer

- pavillion bid being organized per Jeremy and Glenn
- need replacements for broken fence posts
- Discussed South Field Project, recommended bid award to BOS with reservations regarding low bid/potential bonding issues.

Rocco

- discussed general upkeep
- BOS has allocated ARPA funds to Park and Recreation Commission for South Field Project \$155,000 and Pickleball Court Construction \$75,000. Commission discussed asking BOS for adjustment to increase funds for Pickleball Courts and a decrease in funds for field project in order to complete both projects with ARPA funds. Next steps are the Board of Finance and Town Meeting.
- extensive discussion with visitors regarding location and orientation of four pickleball courts at Rocco. Also discussed surface material, sealant and lines, fencing and cost differences between asphalt and concrete surfaces. Also discussed potential lifespan of courts, and potential timeline for construction and opening. Our visitors requested having continued input as future plans develop.

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Clark