

Killingworth Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 12, 2024  
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth, CT

**1.Call to Order:** Jim called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Present: Jim Duffield (Chair), Donna Clark, Bill Burley, Glenn Johnson, Jeremy Burr and Chris Smalley. Absent: Brian Blair

**2.Public Comment:**

**3.Visitors:** James Dellasala, HK Little League

**4.Approval of the Minutes:** \*Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Special Meeting, Jeremy seconded the motion and it passed, Bill abstained.

**5.Communications, Bills and Applications:**

Applications:

1. HK Soccer Club, 3/1-6/16, Field 1 (9am-1pm,Sat), Fields 2 and 4
2. HK Lacrosse, 4/1-6/22, Fields 1, 3 and practice area
3. Shoreline Breakers, 3/25-7/1, softball field, upper and lower baseball fields, batting cage

**\*Donna made a motion to approve the applications of HK Soccer Club and the HK Lacrosse Club with the stipulations that the start dates would be 4/1, based on proper field condition and the use of field 1 based on field condition. Bill seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.**

\*The Shoreline Breakers application will be on hold until next month's meeting.

HK Recreation Department, Reserve Sheldon tennis courts, 4/16-6/4, 5:30-6:30, tennis clinic  
4/19-4/29 and 5/10-5/20, 9:30-11:30 pickleball clinic  
Discussed, will hold until the next meeting, need more information.

Bills:

Peter Cumpstone, \$310.00, January gatekeeping, Auer  
Anthony Cari, \$310.00, December gatekeeping, Sheldon  
\$210.00, January gatekeeping, Sheldon

Eversource, \$49.00 Auer  
\$57.59 Sheldon

Sweitzer, garbage pickup, \$541.14 x 3, Dec, Jan, Feb

Regional Restrooms, \$257.50 x 2, Auer, Jan and Feb

\$378.00, Jan., Sheldon

\$362.00, Feb., Sheldon

**\*Glenn made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Discussed a bill for materials from Tilcon, \$402.85, will pass to Gina for clarification.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** 65% of budget spent

**7. Old Business:**

Sheldon:

-discussed pavilion work

-discussed cleaning playground equipment

Bethke:

-fence repair

Rocco:

-discussed pickleball court funding

-discussed field skinning, hopefully March

Auer:

-discussed fact that someone drove on field, left walkway fence post broken

**8. New Business:**

1. Mowing Contracts

-will send out same as last contract

-will leave brush mowing separate

-Increase width of mowed disk golf fairway to 50ft? Discussed that this will increase cost, needs to be negotiated.

2. Fertilize contract, Tru Green, next 3 years

-Sheldon, \$2916.00

-Rocco, \$1262.00

-Bethke \$870.00

\*Jim will inquire about pre emergent treatment on dirt infields to reduce need for turning infields.

3. Multi Year Capital Improvement

-Pavillion at Auer, \$130,000, Glenn working on plans

-Pickleball courts, \$125,000?, discussed possible fencing

-Volleyball court, discussed potential sites

-Wolf Hollow Trail

-Dog Park

-Sheldon Playground renovation

4. Proposed operating budget, increase to \$96,000, costs on all services have increased.

5. Discussed the need for new wood chips on all playgrounds.

6. Discussed potential new maintenance cost for new Auer field including mowing, fertilizing and electric for irrigation.

7. The Wetlands Commission has not yet approved construction of a field at Auer.

**\*Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Clark