

Killingworth Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
April, 15 2024
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth, CT

1.Call to Order: Jim called the meeting to order at 7:39pm. Present: Jim Duffield (Chair), Bill Burley, Chris Smalley, Jeremy Burr, Donna Clark and Chris Swiss. Absent: Glenn Johnson

2.Visitors: Paul Pitts, Ethan Pitts

3.Public Comment: N/A

Ethan Pitts was in attendance to discuss his ongoing Eagle Scout Project, construction of a dock on the pond at Sheldon. He discussed his progress in fundraising for the project, \$4700.00 currently with approximately \$1800.00 remaining. While his design is nearly complete, high water conditions on the pond have postponed the start of construction. Ethan asked the Commission to support the project with a financial donation. The Commission asked Ethan to return after the new fiscal year begins in July for a donation and to consider the middle of summer, when the water level lowers, to begin construction.

4.Approval of the Minutes: *Chris made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5.Communication, Bills and Applications:

Bills:

- Eversource, Sheldon \$53.53, Auer \$48.84
- Tru Green, fertilizing, Sheldon, Rocco, Bethke \$826.43
- Sweitzer, \$541.14
- Pete Cumpstone, Auer gatekeeping, \$290.00 Feb., \$300.00 March
- Anthony Carri, Sheldon gatekeeping, \$300.00 March
- Jim Duffield, \$450.75, fence rails and posts

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

Applications:

-HK Recreation, One tennis court at Sheldon, July 8-July 12, 9-12pm

-HKHS, all fields at Eric Auer for out of season practices, July 1-August 19, M-F, 5-9pm

***Donna made a motion to approve HK Rec. application to use one court at Sheldon, Jeremy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. We will table the HKHS application until more information.**

6.Old Business

Sheldon

- old lights removed from horseshoe area
- playground cleanup day, will speak with Eileen Pleins to coordinate

Rocco

- HKLL cleaned area, worked on the outfield
- need drain screen
- paint swatches for dugouts, blue and yellow
- will prune trees
- will paint and re roof sheds
- stone for dugouts
- new scoreboard (from Jail Hill) to be installed
- no porta potty at Rocco, moved to transfer station?
- service donation from pressure washing company
- future pickleball location
- Discussed previous Town Meeting vote regarding funds for Auer field and pickleball courts.
How to move forward with pickleball?

Bethke

- fence repair
- brush mowing

Auer

- flower bed clean up
- Field Project, documents this week
- discussed Drainscapes contract and rebid
- discussed possible replacement for gatekeeper
- discussed possible replacement for fishing derby director

Discussed AED distribution, from Ambulance Association, will send out email to user groups regarding CPR and AED training.

***Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Clark