

Killingworth Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
June 10, 2024
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth, CT

1.Call to Order: Jim called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Present: Jim Duffield (Chair), Donna Clark, Bill Burley, Glenn Johnson, Jeremy Burr, Chris Swiss and Chris Smalley
Jim clarified that regarding the meeting's agenda, the dates are incorrect but the agenda is correct.

2.Visitors: Nancy Long, Jacque Wilcox, Pete Staniforth

3.Public Comment:

4.Approval of the Minutes: *Glenn made a motion to approve the May 13, 2024 meeting minutes, Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5.Communications, Bills and Applications:

Applications:

1. HK Recreation, Sheldon Tennis Courts, 6/13-8/8, 6pm-8pm, Thursdays for pickleball clinic. Will use both courts only if available.

***Bill made a motion to approve the application, Jeremy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

HKHS field usage application at Eric Auer fields will be discussed at our July meeting.

Bills:

1. Pete Cumpstane, gatekeeping at Auer, May, \$310.00
2. Anthony Carri, gatekeeping at SHeldon, May, \$310.00
3. Sweitzer, Sheldon \$177.02, Rocco \$119.90, Bethke \$67.20, Auer \$177.02
4. Tru Green, fertilizing, \$1,652.86
5. Eversource, Sheldon \$131.32, Auer \$116.99
6. Clean Restroom Rental Inc., Sheldon \$232.00, Rocco \$95.00, Auer \$225.50
7. Drainscapes, #7 of 8, \$2,987.32

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

6.Treasurer's Report: just under \$73,000.00 has been spent, on budget.
The 2025 budget will be \$101,000.00. In the capital budget, there is \$125.000 for Pickleball Courts.

7.Old Business

- 1.Sweitzer, working well right now, will continue to evaluate into the fall.
- 2 Sheldon Park pavilion repair, hoping to have work completed this summer.

3. Sheldon Park playground, July 13, 2024 for clean-up day? Slide repairs, cleaning all pending.
4. Rocco upgrades and improvements close to completion.
5. Bethke, the infield looks really rough, will turn it in the fall. There is a new sinkhole behind first base, Jeremy will fill.
6. Eric Auer Park, the new gatekeeper has begun and the security cameras are working. Jim will ask First Selectman to write a thank you letter to Pete Cumpstone for years of gatekeeping. The Garden Club will not take on the upkeep of flower beds, thus we will seek out landscapers for upkeep, weeding, mulch.
7. Disk Golf, tee box needs to be moved due to upcoming field construction, will speak with Rob LeMeirre.
8. Contract for new field construction is signed, ready to move forward.
9. Drainscapes has indicated a 5% increase for Auer Park mowing in 2025. There was a discussion regarding opting out of some second mowings per month to compensate for the increase. Accepting that with more fertilizing comes the need for more mowing.
10. Pickleball

Our three visitors are advocating for the timely construction of pickleball courts in Killingworth. With the new budget allocating \$125,000.00 for this project, some aspects were discussed. The Commission has detailed plans for the Sheldon Park site and the Rocco site and pros and cons of both sites were addressed for four asphalt courts, paint, nets and fencing. With both plans and funding in place, the bids for the project can go out once the budget begins in July. A location will be voted on by the Commission with input from the user group which intends to survey its participants. There was discussion regarding the possibility that current funding may not cover the entire project. There was discussion regarding how much the number of courts affects cost and location. Discussed whether possible to put out bids for both locations at the same time in order to compare costs. Wetland approval will be needed for the Rocco site. For the Sheldon site, some drainage and sidewalks will need to be rerouted. Planning and work on this project is ongoing.

11. Pavilion at Auer Park

The town has received a \$196,532 bid for construction, metal/steel posts. This exceeds our current budget, \$135,000.00.

12. AED distribution, making progress, there is one now currently in the lacrosse shed at Auer and more coming via user groups to other parks. Jim will speak with the Ambulance Association chief in providing more units as well as ideas for storage and upkeep.

13. Upper Sheldon baseball field dugout bench is broken, Chris will get a quote to replace. Also, concrete bench at tennis courts needs to be removed.

***Bill made a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm**

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Clark

