

Killingworth Parks and recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
August 12, 2024  
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth, CT

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

**2.Approval of the Minutes: \*Glenn made a motion to approve the July 15, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes, Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**3.Visitors:** Nancy Long, David Long, Don Wilcox, Jacque Wilcox, Colin Steele, Eric Couture, Lisa Sodergren, E. Sodergren

**4.Public Comment:**

The representatives from the pickleball user group extended a “thank you” to the Commission for the work toward construction of new courts.They had questions regarding the approved Rocco site including procedures in notifying the public regarding upcoming meetings, location of the courts in relation to the baseball field and Route 81, parking at Recycle Way and the library, fencing, and timing for the project. Chris Smalley helped to clarify the reasoning behind the approval of the Rocco site over the Sheldon Park site. It was noted that the Wetlands application will be submitted at their meeting, August 13, 2024. After approval, the project will go out to bid.

Colin Steele, representing HK Lacrosse, spoke about their desire to use and present different colored lines at Eric Auer fields for practice on Saturday afternoons, K-8. He also inquired about field usage for club lacrosse. He was advised to submit applications for each and to also inquire about using the Jail Hill field.

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

Bills:

- 1.Servotech, irrigation \$2,018.60
- 2.Kristin LaViola, gatekeeping Auer, July, \$310.00
- 3.Sweitzer, Sheldon \$177.02
  - Rocco \$119.90
  - Auer \$177.02
  - Bethke \$67.20
- 4.Eversource, Sheldon \$148.12
  - Auer \$322.52
- 5.Maxum Irrigation, \$4,200.00
- 6.Jim Duffield, Basketball net, flag, fuses, \$79.65
- 7.Clean Restrooms, Sheldon \$205.00
  - Auer \$225.00
  - Rocco \$95.00

**\*Glenn made a motion to approve the bills but to also inquire and question the increased Eversource at Auer bill and the Clean Restrooms surcharge at Auer. Chris Swiss seconded the motion. There was a discussion regarding the irrigation motor repairs. The motion passed unanimously.**

Applications:

1. HK Rec, Sheldon tennis court, tennis clinic, 9/17-10/22, 4:30pm-6:30pm
2. HK Rec, Sheldon tennis court, pickleball clinic, Sept. 18, 20, 25, 27 (M & W) 9am-11:30am, Oct. 4, 11, 18 (F) 9am-12pm
3. HK Rec, Auer Field 1 and 3, Fall Soccer, 9/7-10/19 (Sat), 9am-1pm, games, make up 10/26, 11/2. 9/13-10/16 (T and W), 5pm-6pm, practices, make up 10/22, 10/23
4. HK Rec, Sheldon Walking Path for the Running Rams

There was a discussion regarding the large numbers proposing to use the fields. We will inquire to HK Rec about also considering using the Old Middle School or High School fields.

**\*Chris Smalley made a motion to approve the use of a Sheldon Tennis court for HK Rec applications for tennis and pickleball clinics, Chris Swiss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**6. Treasurer's Report:** \$87,000.00 spent by end of fiscal year, less than \$90,000.00 budget. \$1,442.00 ytd, should be in last year's budget, will check with Gina.

### **7. Old Business:**

-Sweitzer contract?

-Increases in mowing contracts, Langer and Drainscapes

-Pavillion at Sheldon, proposal to replace boards, paint etc., \$4,000-\$5,000, need insurance and W9.

-Playground, still waiting for parts for repair. Discussed options for metal base (tear out or continue to wait for replacement), safety cones stolen repeatedly. Discussed annual inspection by John Hollerbach inspection company.

-Mulch to be moved from Auer to Sheldon

-Irrigation pump to be installed

-Rocco: HKLL continues to work on improvements, will roof dugouts and paint sheds. They will also turn over infield.

-Bethke: The fence was fixed by JIm, the outfield has sinkholes and will be worked on this winter.

-Auer: discussed flower bed maintenance, gatekeeper issue. The pavilion project bids are over budget and various other ways of bidding were discussed. Eric Couture offered as an option to contract with the Capital Region Council of Government as a way to access the State Bid List of pre-approved bidders for the project. The Auer field project has not yet begun. Bonding repercussions were discussed. HKLL has arranged for an attorney to evaluate the situation. The commission will request that the repaving of the walkway be added to the multiyear capital fund as it is in disrepair.

**\*Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 9:12pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Clark