

Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2025
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth, CT

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

2.Approval of the Minutes: *Glenn made a motion to approve the January 13, 2025 meeting minutes. Donna made an amendment to the minutes indicating that Bill Burley and Jeremy Burr abstained from all three votes and Chris Swiss abstained from the vote regarding applications. Chris Smalley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.Visitors and Public Comment: Karl Molitoris, Michael Sciascis, Rob LeMire, Rebecca Austin, Prestne Smith, Daryl Smith, Ethan Pitts

Rebecca Austen spoke on behalf of HK Lacrosse and their actions in creating a code of conduct and accompanying signage for the parks. Due to increasing poor behavior on the playing fields by both players and spectators, the various sports clubs have worked together to develop a code of conduct to give officials and the individual clubs ground and support to address unsportsmanlike behavior and conduct surrounding sporting events through posted signage specifying expectations. Rebecca provided three estimates for the signs. Verbage, locations and installations were discussed. ***Chris Smalley made a motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 for three signs, Glenn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Ethan Pitts undated the commission on progress of his Eagle Scout project, a dock on the pond at Sheldon Park. He is nearing completion and asked for funds to complete the decking and railings. ***Glenn made a motion to approve \$800.00 to Ethan for the project, Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Rob LeMire addressed the commission to discuss some rearrangement of disk golf location and equipment due to the South Field construction project. He noted that he has moved two tee pads and that there has been some damage to the disk golf equipment. He also noted that the south field is impacting the disk golf course more than expected. Discussed how to reconfigure and placement of the practice basket. Rob also provided information and asked for permission for expansion of the course with an additional five holes to the northwest of the existing course. He provided a map and explained that these new holes would be beneficial for the Masters players which regularly utilize the course. ***Chris Smalley made a motion to allow Rob to expand the Disk Golf Course at Eric Auer Park with five new holes, completing much of the work on his own.** There was a discussion regarding tree cutting and liability and the fact that the commission is interested in budgeting funds for the project. **Glen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

4.Bills, Applications and Communications

Bills:

1. Clean Restrooms, \$95.00, Rocco, Feb.
\$237.00, Auer, Feb.
2. Anthony Carri, gatekeeping, Jan., \$250.00
3. Eversource, \$45.89, Auer
\$81.74, Sheldon
4. Sweitzer, \$177.02, Sheldon
\$119.90, Rocco
\$177.02, Auer
\$67.20, Bethke

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

Applications:

1. HK Recreation, Tennis courts, 4/22-5/27, 4:30-6:30, tennis clinic
2. HK Recreation, Tennis courts, 4/21,25,28, 5/2,5,9,12,16, Monday and Friday, 9-12pm, Pickleball clinic
3. HK Recreation, Soccer, Auer field 3, 4/22-6/4, 5-7pm, TW

***Chris Swiss made a motion to approve the two applications regarding the Sheldon tennis courts, Jeremy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

5. Treasurer's Report

\$53,162.04 spent, 48% of the budget Chris Swiss will look into repurposing the upcoming reports.

6. Old Business

-Discussed charging club teams and outside organizations for field usage. Discussed two hour/\$25 time slots, proper and legal language, recovering maintenance costs through third party usage.

Rocco

-The Pickleball court project at Rocco is out for bid.

-HKLL is set to rehab the shed.

Bethke

-field to be overturned

Sheldon

-Baseball fields appear to be in good condition

-HKLL set to rehab softball shed, field needs material, outside edge of grass needs to be addressed: possibly add clay and remove grass along edges behind 1st and 3rd bases to let excess water run. Will reach out to Langer for a quote. Discussed using turf in this area.

-Broken bench in upper dugout, third base side.

Auer

- Gardens, Chris Plumb retiring
- reviewed pavilion plan
- South Field Project, per Glenn site work is progressing. Discussed irrigation plan for the field, will contact Drainscapes for advice.

Other

- AED, Jim has three boxes, will install
- Rebid mowing contracts, upcoming.
- MYCIP, discussed playground wood chips, repaving walkway at Auer and potential for new a new field at Auer.

***Bill made a motion to adjourn at 9:32pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Clark