

Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
April 21, 2025
Emergency Operations Center, Killingworth CT

1.Call to Order: Jim called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. Present: Jim Duffield (Chair), Bill Burley, Donna Clark, Chris Swiss, Chris Smalley and Jeremy Burr. Absent: Glenn Johnson

2.Approval of the Minutes:* Bill made a motion to approve the March 10, 2025 meeting minutes, Chris Swiss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3.Visitors: Ethan Pitts made his final presentation regarding his completed Eagle Scout project. The dock at Sheldon Park is finished and looks great. His project spanned seven months and cost \$6,800.00, thank you Ethan!

4.Bills, Applications and Communications

Applications:

- 1.HK Rec, Field 1, Auer, Soccer, 8/4-8/8 9-12pm
- 2.HK Rec Field 1, Auer, Summer Soccer Fun, 7/8- 8/7, 5:45-6:45pm, Tues/Thurs
*We will give them field 3
- 3.HK Rec Tennis Court, 7/17 or 7/18, 5:30-7pm, Beginner Pickleball
- 4.HK Rec Tennis Court, 7/23 or 7/24, 9-3pm, Pickleball Bootcamp

***Chris Smalley made a motion to approve the above applications with one field change from field 1 to field 2. The motion passed unanimously.**

5.Jason Giandomenico, Clinton Men's Soccer, Auer, field 2, 5/18

***Chris Smalley made a motion to let the old guys play soccer. The motion passed with 4 ayes, 1 nay and one abstention.**

Bills

- 1.Gatekeeping, Auer, Kristen LaVoia \$310.00
Sheldon, Anthony Carri, \$310.00
- 2.Eversource, Auer \$47.44, \$47.79, Sheldon \$69.33, \$76.40
- 3.Sweitzer, Sheldon \$177.02
Rocco \$119.90
Auer \$177.02
Bethke \$67.20 Total \$541.14
- 4.TruGreen, \$840.40
- 5.Clean Restrooms, Sheldon \$237.00 (Feb), \$237.00(March), \$250.00(April)
Auer \$205.00

Rocco \$95.00

6.Drainscapes, \$3,565.80, all Auer fields

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

5.Treasurer's Report: Chris Swiss reported 54% of the budget has been spent, \$59,857.

6.Old Business

-We will ask the HKHS to make 6-10 picnic tables for Auer Park

-Discussed management of field usage fees, groups shall reserve fields regardless of weather, set up payment system and possible split the payment fees into seasons, will reach out to the Breakers to discuss

Sheldon

-Upper Softball Field, discussed current quote from Langer to raise and grade field, add $\frac{3}{4}$ gravel to all dugouts, infield mix delivered, topsoil for field repairs, seed repairs, \$7350.00.

There was discussion regarding spring clean-up, sprinkler head locations and will they turn over any other fields.

***Chris Smalley made a motion to approve Langer Landscapes for the repairs to the Sheldon Park softball field, the motion passed unanimously.**

-The repair of the pavilion will begin next week.

-Baseball sheds planned

-Snack Shack water test

-HKLL Opening Day, April 26

Bethke:

-There was extensive discussion regarding overturning the field, use Langer or Commission members?

Auer:

-Reach out to Austin Boulay regarding flower beds

-Pavilion Project, extensive discussion regarding location continues

-South Field Project continues. There was discussion regarding progress, completion.

-Discussed whether Auer needs anything more from the current budget.

Rocco:

-There was extensive discussion regarding the upcoming contract award for the planned pickleball courts: concern for qualifications of the low bidder versus the second lowest bidder.

***The meeting was adjourned at 9:32pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Clark