

Wethersfield Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes - Thursday, May 27, 2010

The meeting was held at the Town Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Richard Lepore. Members present were Richard Lepore, Tom Pentelow, Kevin Rogers, Dan Silbo, Carmelo Amoddio and Charlie Wood. Also present were Mike Hurley, Town Council Liaison and Kathleen Bagley, Director of Parks and Recreation.

A. Public Comments.

Joe Meehan, representing the Wethersfield Senior Citizen Club, was at the meeting to discuss the Wethersfield Senior Citizen's Club Proposed Bylaw Changes. Acting Chairperson Richard Lepore asked Ms. Bagley to review the changes for the Advisory Board. Board members had the existing bylaws and the changes were noted underneath each section. Ms. Bagley noted that the major change was to allow non-residents in the club without a quota. Other changes involved their membership dues, committees and club officers. The Senior Citizen Club chose to not specify a dollar amount for their dues, eliminated some committees not being used by the club and eliminated the position of vice president. Mr. Meehan gave board members background information on these changes. Kevin Rogers moved to approve the changes to the Wethersfield Senior Citizen Club Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Carmelo Amoddio and voted unanimously. Mr. Meehan thanked the Board for their review and approval of these changes.

B. Minutes – April 22, 2010.

Charlie Wood moved to approve the minutes of April 22, 2010. The motion was seconded by Kevin Rogers and approved unanimously.

C. Monthly Report – April 2010.

The Monthly Report was reviewed by Board members.

D. Letters and Announcements.

Acting Chairperson Richard Lepore spoke about the Memorial Day Parade. He noted that a lot of town residents marched in the parade and there were many spectators.

E. Old Business.

1. New Little League Field – Press Box Status.

Ms. Bagley reported that the press box is completed and the Town has received the Certificate of Occupancy. Little League has been notified and will be issued keys for the building once they set up a training time to learn the operation of the lift.

2. Status of 2010-11 Budget.

Ms. Bagley reported that the budget was approved. No changes have been made to the Parks and Recreation budget.

F. New Business.

1. Cove Docks and Boat Launch Ramp Proposed Plan.

The Town has submitted an application to the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the plan for replacing the docks and boat ramp. Their meeting is on June 15. Ms. Bagley will attend this meeting with the engineer from Ocean and Coastal to present the plan.

2. New Playground Equipment at Mill Woods Park.

Acting Chairperson Richard Lepore asked Ms. Bagley for a status report on this playground equipment. Ms. Bagley explained that the bid for this equipment is going to the Town Council for approval on Monday, June 7. The cost for the equipment and installation is \$72,933. Funds for this equipment is from the Town's insurance because the playscape was destroyed during the tornado in June 2009.

3. Summer Programs.

Ms. Bagley reported that summer programs will open June 23, 2010.

4. Soccer Tournament.

Town Council Liaison, Mike Hurley, reported the soccer tournament sponsored by the Wethersfield George Ritchie Soccer Organization will take place on the last weekend in June at Mill Woods Park. Plans are underway and they are receiving team registrations.

5. Tour of Park Facilities

Acting Chairperson Richard Lepore discussed the tour of park facilities with board members. Everyone agree to hold the tour at the June 24th meeting. The tour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with board members parking at the Keeney Cultural Center. The tour will include the new Press Box and lighted Little League field, Greenfield Softball field, Community Center windows and the Cove Docks and Boat Ramp. After the tour, board members will have dinner at a local restaurant.

G. Motion to Adjourn.

A motion was made by Charlie Wood and seconded by Tom Pentalow to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Bagley, Director
Parks & Recreation Department