

Wethersfield Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - Thursday, June 22, 2006

Board members met at 5:45 p.m. for their annual tour of parks and recreation facilities. Members present for the tour were Richard Dobmeier, Charles Wood, Daniel Silbo and Richard Lepore. Facilities visited were the Community Center to view Channel 14's new location and Safe Graduation party decorations and then Mill Woods Park to visit the location for the dog park, the Bocce courts and the new skate board park.

The Advisory's Parks and Recreation Board's meeting was held at the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center and was opened by Chairperson Dobmeier at 7:00 p.m. Members present Chairperson Dobmeier, Daniel Silbo, Richard Lepore, Charles Wood and Kathleen Bagley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department.

A. Public Comments.

No public comments.

B. [Minutes - May 25, 2006.](#)

Charles Wood moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Daniel Silbo and voted unanimously.

C. Monthly Report.

The monthly report was reviewed by members. Chairperson Dobmeier complimented the department on the amount of activities for the month of May.

D. Letters and Announcements.

1. Appointment Terms for Parks and Recreation Board Members.

Chairperson Dobmeier reviewed with Board members their reappointments to the Park Board starting July, 2006.

E. Old Business.

1. Mill Woods Master Plan Status.

Ms. Bagley reported that the capital improvement program for 2006-07 includes \$50,000 to hire an architect to begin the design of the Little League field and the soccer field in Mill Woods Park. Board members discussed the time period to begin this project. They felt it was important to wait on the State Bond Commission to determine if we would receive the state grant of \$700,000 for the construction of these two fields. The Board will wait through the summer months to see if this project is approved by the State Bond Commission.

2. Bocce Courts.

Ms. Bagley reported that the Bocce courts provided by UNICO are on target and have been approved by Planning and Zoning. Tentative construction is in the month of August.

3. Dog Park.

Ms. Bagley reported that the Dog Park Committee held a very successful dog walk at Cove Park on June 11. This special event raised over \$15,000 towards the building of dog park. The first project for the dog park will be the fence. The monies raised to date will pay for both the fence materials and hopefully the installation.

4. Heritage Way Bike Trail.

Board members reviewed a current map of the bike trail that shows the completed sections which are currently from Mill Woods Park to the Community Center and the newest addition is the bike trail in the Meadows. Phase II will be constructed this August and will go from the Community Center to Cove Park and connect to the Meadows. The following year it will go from Mill Woods Park to the 1860 Reservoir. Board members reviewed the map and were pleased that the Conservation Commission has been working on this project.

F. New Business.

1. Summer Programs.

Ms. Bagley reported that the summer programs have begun. The pools will open on Friday, June 21 at 1:00 p.m. and all other programs will open on Monday, June 26. Chairperson Dobmeier reported that he had reviewed the summer brochure and thought that there were a lot of activities for the community. Board members concurred with his assessment.

2. CPI Projects for 2006-07.

The other capital improvement projects authorized by the Town Council will include the replacement of the sewer line at the Solomon Welles House for \$25,000; renovation of the high school tennis court for \$40,000 and an additional \$30,000 for the Community Center renovation in conjunction with the Keane Foundation.

G. Motion to Adjourn.

Richard Lepore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Daniel Silbo and voted unanimously.