

Wethersfield Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - Thursday, July 27, 2006

The Advisory Board meeting was held at the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center and opened at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Richard Lepore, Charles Wood, Daniel Silbo, Thomas Ragonese and Parks and Recreation Director, Kathleen Bagley.

A. Public Comments.

No public comments.

B. [Minutes - June 22, 2006](#).

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

C. Monthly Report - June, 2006.

Monthly report was reviewed by members.

D. Letters and Announcements.

1. Request from Wethersfield Historical Society for Waiver of Alcohol Policy for Cove Park.

Board members discussed this request. They reviewed the letter from the director of the Wethersfield Historical Society, Doug Shipman, asking for permission to have a wine tasting event in conjunction with their craft fair on Saturday, October 7, 2006, in Cove Park. Ms. Bagley reminded Board members that a waiver was granted to the Wethersfield Volunteer Firefighters for their 200th anniversary celebration to have alcohol in Cove Park in 2002. Board members felt this request was reasonable and asked Ms. Bagley to pass this request on to the Town Council as a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Charles Wood moved to support the request of the Wethersfield Historical Society for a wine tasting event at Cove Park on October 7. The motion was seconded Richard Lepore and voted unanimously.

E. Old Business.

1. Mill Woods Master Plan Status.

Thomas Ragonese reported that the sub-committee met the previous week and discussed the status of the state grant for \$700,000 to build a little league field and soccer field. He also reported that the sub-committee concurred with the Board's discussion to wait until September to begin the process to hire an architect for the design of these fields. The Town Council authorized \$50,000 to hire an architect to design the fields out of the capital improvement funds. The Board will re-visit this issue in September depending on the status of the state grant. Mr. Ragonese reported that the sub-committee will not meet in August and will hold their next meeting on September 21 at the Nature Center. Ms. Bagley will check with the Town Manager as to the process for the hiring of the architect.

2. Dog Park.

Ms. Bagley reported that the town is currently reviewing fence bids for the dog park. A recommendation will be made to the Town Council. The fence is scheduled to be constructed in August. The volunteer committee for the dog park is working on final funding for benches and other amenities. Ms. Bagley commented on how well this committee has been working and, to date, has raised \$30,000 for the construction of the dog park.

3. Bocce Courts.

These courts are scheduled to be built in Mill Woods Park at the beginning of August. UNICO is donating the funds necessary for construction and they will be working with our physical services staff to construct the courts.

F. New Business.

1. Historical Society Request.

This item was covered under Letters and Announcements.

2. ATV's in Wintergreen Woods.

Residents have complained about encountering ATV's in Wintergreen Woods. Ms. Bagley has placed signs in the park reminding owners that ATV's are not allowed. She has also asked the Police Department to patrol this area.

3. Cottone Field Lights.

Plans were distributed at the Park Board meeting for the design of the outdoor lighting at Cottone Football Field. Board members reviewed these plans and support these lights.

G. Adjournment.

Richard Lepore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Daniel Silbo and voted unanimously.