

WINDSOR LOCKS PARK COMMISSION

Minutes of Special Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room

Commissioners present:	Todd Annis, Paul Ciarcia, Glenn Flanders, Andrew Hebebrand, Scott Nolan, Chairman Bob Norris, and Director David Wrabel
Also Present:	First Selectman Chris Kervick, Mary Remotti, Brian Pham, David Nolan, Erin Most, Devin Savelli, Hal Larson

- 1) **Meeting Called to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION: To move Agenda Item #3- Public Input before Minutes.

Scott Nolan

Seconded by Paul Ciarcia

Motion passed unanimously

- 2) **Public Input** – Brian Pham spoke of negatives he has seen at Pesci Park and that he would like to see more positives. He thought the installation of cameras and an increased police presence in the park would deter negative behavior.

Erin Most spoke of incidents at Pesci Park and that she too would like to see an increase in police presence and interaction within the park. Erin also is heading a community effort for residents to help clean up the park and presented a list of ideas she is looking for permission to act upon. Commissioner Paul Ciarcia suggested the town may need to talk to our liability insurance provider to make sure the town is protected and that Public Works should be contacted. Chris Kervick discussed logistics and asked Erin to send him and David Wrabel her list via email so it can be discussed with the Public Works Director and town insurer.

Mary Remotti spoke of incidents she has seen at the park including youths fighting during the day time that adults appeared to condone.

Devin Savelli thought cameras would deter vandalism and asked about the behavior of lifeguards early in the season. David Wrabel spoke of steps taken to address the lifeguards for improved performance on the job.

Commissioner Scott Nolan thought that the Police Commission should look into cameras as they did with the Skate Park.

Chris Kervick volunteered to write a letter to the Police Chief for an increased presence at Pesci Park.

David Nolan asked about the pool fees at Pesci Pool and if they were necessary. David Wrabel stated that the pool fees help subsidize the pool on items that the town budget does not cover. Commissioner Todd Annis stated the pool fees have not been raised in close to 20 years.

Commissioner Todd Annis and Chairman Bob Norris thanked the public for coming to speak to the Commission and were happy to see community members looking to make a difference in town.

Hal Larson asked that netting be installed in left field of Pesci 1 to protect players and spectators at Pesci 2 from being hit with home run balls. Chairman Bob Norris suggested that the President of Little League send a letter to the Park Commission for review.

- 3) **Minutes** – The minutes of the regular meeting on June 13, 2016 were read.

MOTION: To accept the minutes as read with correction to Paul Larson being changed to Hal Larson.

Scott Nolan

Seconded by Paul Ciarcia

Motion passed unanimously.

- 4) **Old Business** –

a) **Capital Improvements Update** – The pool pump house is nearly complete. The only item remaining is a flow meter on the pump. With the start of the new fiscal year, funding has been received for the two new capital projects this year; Pesci Park lighting and refurbishment of the basketball court at Southwest Family.

b) **No Smoking Ordinance** – Ordinance submitted to town attorney office.

- c) **River Road Boat Launch/Fishing Platform** – Glenn Flanders spoke with his contact, who suggested the Commission contact NEMO at Uconn for opportunities. There is a brief meeting at noon on July 19th at the site for anyone to attend.
- d) **Special Olympics Bocce Court**- David Wrabel spoke with Public Works Director Phil Sissick and Foreman James Pearce. A location has been determined at Southwest Family Park and their thought is that it would be best to construct the court out of concrete instead of wood. An estimated cost is being tabulated to determine how to move forward.
- 5) **New Business**
- a) **Splash Park** – Chris Kervick stated he has received numerous requests that a Splash Park be added to Windsor Locks and that he promised to bring it to the Commission's attention. Chris handed out basic information and asked that the Commission look into it further. The Commission discussed past efforts to receive funding for a Splash Pad and will reevaluate.
- b) **Canal Trail Picnic Area** – Chris Kervick presented an update to the Commission stating that the potential developers of the Montgomery Building have said they would like to create more emergency parking which would increase the size of the picnic area. Ahlstrom's, the property owner, is also on board with this plan. The town's lease of this land will need to be altered slightly but appears nearly complete and this project may start very soon.
- c) **Food Vendor Request** – Linda McGrath of JLM Catering Services requested permission to operate in town parks.
MOTION: To grant permission pending the appropriate documents being submitted to the Park Department and is contingent on dates that non-profit groups are looking to hold their own concessions.
Paul Ciarcia **Seconded by Scott Nolan**
Motion passed unanimously.
- 6) **Correspondence** – None
- 7) **Report From Recreation Director** – Day Camp is halfway over. It has been a smooth summer thus far and David Wrabel is pleased with the new staff that has been hired. There were issues with lifeguard performance earlier in the summer at the pool. The issues have been addressed and six new lifeguards have been trained. Fall Soccer registration opened up at the beginning of the month.
- 8) **Report From Chairman** – Veteran's Memorial Park- The grass at third base on the baseball field needs to be addressed. David Wrabel spoke of Public Works' plan to fix it.
Codey Way Park- needs to be mowed.
Ahern Park- Small rides need to be painted
- 9) **Report From Commissioners** – Reed Park- Alcohol bottles found (reported by Glenn Flanders)
Pesci Park- Graffiti reported on playscape (reported by Glenn Flanders)
Spring Park- Damage to picnic tables and graffiti. (reported by Scott Nolan)
Green Manor Park- Kids swing should be repaired or removed. (reported by Andrew Hebebrand)
Southwest Family Park- Waiting on new bike rack to be delivered and installed. (reported by Paul Ciarcia)
- 10) **Meeting Adjourned**
MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m.
Scott Nolan **Seconded by Glenn Flanders**
Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wrabel
Park and Recreation Director