

**Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Minutes for Wednesday, March 11, 2020  
8:00 a.m. at Parks and Recreation Department**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Don Crouch, Dave Gelo, and Mike Savenelli Sr

**Recreation Commission Members Absent:** Jason Michael and Steve Rossacci

**Recreation Department Staff Present:** Kenny Michaels, Director of Recreation Parks & Recreation

**Special Guests:** None

**Opening Remarks:** Chairperson Dave Gelo called the meeting to order @ 8:10 a.m.

**Minutes:**

A motion made by Mike Savenelli Sr. and seconded by Don Crouch to approved minutes from the February meeting.

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Grand St. Park -Update**

The Bid for the Grand St Park was opened on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. There were 9 companies that submitted a bid for the project. Kenny spent a lot of time in verifying the Bidder's specs to what the Bid specified noting any variances.

**2. Wallace Park - Legacy Garden - Update - Jason Michael & Don Crouch**

The Community Women organization information was submitted. Mike will review the information and review with the Community Women on the inscription for the stone.

The Historical Society still has not sent Park & Rec their information. A call will be made requesting they send the information as soon as possible.

Mike: He will contact Nolan's Monument from Hamden to alert them we will need to engraved stones.

**3. Review Park Fees – will discuss at a separate meeting.**

**4. P&R By-Laws Draft - Don Crouch**

Don updated and distributed the By-Laws for review.  
These will go to the law Dept for their review.

**5. Plan of Conservation and Development Committee Update - Don Crouch**

Don attended a meeting of the Plan of Conservation and Development, a 10-year plan from all the departments for the Town of Wallingford. Don said the new Community Pool Project and the changes to Grand Street Park was added.

This group is made up of representatives from different committees or groups of the Town. The group consist of Mary Heffernon, Conservation Committee; Jim Seichter, Planning & Zoning;

Christopher Shortell, Town Council; Karen Hlavac, Board of Education; Don Crouch, Rec Commission; and a rep from the Land Trust Board.

One of the items that was discussed was the utilization of the old Train Station.

In the fall time a public comments meeting will need to be scheduled.

#### **6. Community Pool Update - Mike Savenelli**

The Community Pool Bid was announced in the paper on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. There was a delay of about a week from the original plan. If there is a delay in the project it shouldn't be that much of an impact.

Kenny is looking into ID systems that we might be able to use in printing ID cards for the pool and other activities.

There is a walk-thru tomorrow (3/12) 10:00am at Community Pool. Kenny, Dave, and maybe Don will be there. Rob Baltramaitis, Dept Public Works will also be present. Kenny, Mike S and Mike Fortuna, TLB Architecture, will do the presentation to Council. Kenny said it would be good if the Rec Commission members attended the Council meeting.

#### **7. Open Discussion (2/3 vote required for any item)**

##### **Directors Report: Ken Michaels**

Kenny and Michelle presented the 2020-2021 proposed budget to the Mayor on Tuesday, March 10th. In the budget, the expense of the Community Pool for the year was included. This included the extension of Saturday and Sunday. Public Works will also include the chemical expense.

Kenny felt a strong budget for 2020-2021 was submitted.

Kenny held three Field Users meeting to understand the field needs of the leagues. The Sheehan Girls Varsity Softball is looking to use Pragemann Park field. Kenny said schools will have first priority on fields.

Kenny learned that the pavilion at Pragemann can't be changed from a pavilion into a storage building. The Vikings will need to store their equipment back at Westside Field.

Spring program begin the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Corona virus – Kenny submitted a punch list of the extra cleaning measures.

The facility is cleaned at noontime and at 5:00pm for the heavily touched areas.

Summer Camp registration is going on for Summer Sizzler. We had 94 people register the first day.

This is ahead of last year. There was a special \$30 discount for first day.

Playgrounds registration will be Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

HVAC will start Monday (3/16) for one side of the gym. The other side is slated after July put in DPW

#### **Next Commission Meeting - Wednesday April 8, 2020 @ 8 AM**

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:35 a.m. by Don Crouch seconded by Mike Savenelli

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Barillaro, Sr Clerk  
Wallingford Parks and Recreation