

TOWN OF HAMDEN

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

JULY 10, 2012

5:30 PM

PARKS & RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM

HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER

2750 DIXWELL AVENUE

HAMDEN,

Commissioners in attendance: Tad Watson, Chairman
Rich Leonardo, Vice Chairman
Michael McGarry
Sarah Morrill

Others in attendance: Mimsie Coleman, Director of Arts, Recreation and Culture
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Watson called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2012 MINUTES

Chairman Watson called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2012 Meeting. **Commissioner Leonardo motioned to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2012 Meeting as presented. Commissioner Morrill seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS MONTHLY REPORT

Ms. Coleman distributed the monthly report. She said the Parks Division has been very busy. They have been working on Bassett Field daily. There is a renovation going on at Larry's Playground. She said they did a good job on the Town Center Park for the fireworks and the concerts. They are now working on the field behind the old Middle School. There was a discussion regarding this field.

Public Works/Parks is now able to hire part time employees.

Ms. Coleman distributed a revised estimate on the Morretti Field Renovation. This has been approved by the State, and will now go to the Legislative Council for their approval. There was a discussion regarding how this would proceed. The bid process was discussed. There will be different vendors for the field renovations, the bleachers and fencing.

There was a discussion regarding the irrigation system at Morretti Field. Commissioner Leonardo pointed out the importance of the sprinkler system working properly.

It was suggested that PW Director Craig Cesare receive a copy of the Minutes. The Clerk will add his name to the distribution list.

ESPN and Major League Baseball have approved the simulcast of the New York Yankee/Boston Red Sox game. The Town is working with Comcast regarding the cable necessary to broadcast the event.

There was a discussion regarding Peter Braun's (President of Greater New Haven Baseball) idea to have a field day prior to the New York Yankee/Boston Red Sox game. Ms. Coleman said she would like to arrange some type of an event honoring past and present Hamden coaches. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this topic.

It was decided that an event honoring the coaches would be held later in the year.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Watson asked about the Summer Camps. Ms. Coleman discussed the different camps and the activities that are held. Ms. Coleman also discussed a grant that enables many kids to be able to attend camp.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Watson discussed the Basketball Tournaments that will be coming up in the fall. He said it is important that we focus on securing courts for them to play on. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this subject. Mr. Leonardo said the most difficult problem is the games on Sundays due to the cost. Chairman Watson suggested that the parties involved meet and plan a presentation to the Town to work this problem out.

Mr. McGarry discussed preparing a template by which to report on the various programs and fields in Town. Both Mr. McGarry and Mr. Leonardo will look into this.

Mr. Leonardo said mowing at the lake on the corner of Hill Street and Dunbar Hill Road has not been done. He said this has created a "serious tick problem". This is State property but years ago a grant or a bond was received for a slope mower that was give to the Town for this mowing. It was suggested that Mr. Leonardo contact the HELP Desk.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Watson called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner McGarry motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Morrill seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Watson adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission