

**TOWN OF HAMDEN  
TOWN CENTER PARK COMMISSION MEETING  
March 12, 2012  
1:00 PM  
MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER  
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE  
HAMDEN**

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Matt Fitch  
Jay Matthews

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Julie Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk  
Ed Grant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Fitch called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance was taken as noted above.

**ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Vice Chair Fitch stated that since former Chair Berita Rowe has been elected to the Legislative Council he would entertain a motion for a permanent Chair for the Commission. Commissioner Matthews nominated Vice Chair Fitch to serve as Chair of the Commission. There were no further nominations and it was the unanimous decision of the Commission to appoint Mr. Fitch as Chairman of the Commission.

Next, Mr. Fitch nominated Commissioner Matthews for Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations and Mr. Matthews was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair of the Commission.

Mr. Fitch noted that Ann Bell is the third member of the Commission, and there are presently two vacancies.

**APPROVAL OF 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE**

After discussing the meeting schedule for the remainder of this calendar year, Mr. Matthews motioned to schedule future meetings on the third Monday of the month, except for the April meeting, which will be held on the second Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Effective in May meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on the third Monday of each month.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Fitch showed a video of a water fountain play structure from the California Academy of Sciences. He added that he would like the Commission to investigate obtaining a landscaped water feature for the park.

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Mr. Matthews asked about the bridge behind the middle school. Ms. Smith said Grants Administrator Florence Villano has secured funding for this project. She added that she thinks there could be a problem with the Inland Wetlands Commission. Mr. Fitch said he would like to have this on the agenda for next month. He also said he would be glad to appear before the Inland Wetlands Commission to discuss this project.

Mr. Fitch gave a follow up on the first Movie Night that was held in September. He said the vender was not well prepared but to make up for the problems that occurred, he will supply a free movie for the future. Tom Conway was able to correct the problem, and also supplied his sound system. Ms. Smith said the vendors did very well, and noted that it would be good to have more vendors in the future.

Mr. Fitch said that he has discussed doing a Movie Night every Friday in August with Arts, Recreation and Culture Director Mimsie Coleman. Mr. Fitch said that he would like to again see voting for the movies to be shown. There was a discussion regarding different movie categories to choose from. Several movie titles were discussed. Ms. Smith will find out what the cost of the event was. It was noted that there were nearly 1,000 in attendance. It was not necessary to rent port-a-lets since they were already in place for the summer concerts and soccer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Smith said the All Abilities Playground paper work has been received from the State, along with all the necessary approvals. Josh's Jungle is the playground that has been chosen.

Next, there was a discussion regarding the Farmers Market. Ms. Smith said that there were many new vendors last year, and most of them will be coming back this year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Commission, and Mr. Fitch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Matthews motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Fitch adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Craft Commission Clerk

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