



TOWN CENTER PARK COMMISSION

The Town Center Park Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Main Conference Room, Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Berita Rowe, Commission Chair
Ann Bell
Matt Fitch

Others in Attendance: Peggy Craft, Acting Commission Clerk

While waiting for a quorum to be established, Ms. Bell and Mr. Fitch discussed the circle on Kenwood Avenue. Joanne Iacobellis would like to donate three azalea bushes to be planted there. There was a discussion regarding how this could be accomplished. Ms. Bell will contact CAO Curt Leng and Town Attorney Sue Gruen regarding ownership and the procedure to accomplish this.

Ms. Bell asked about the Children's Museum. She said the Garden Club has money to donate to purchase trees. Ms Bell would like to know the situation there. Mr. Fitch asked what type of tree would be purchased. She said possibly a Dogwood.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Rowe called the meeting or order at 7:14 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

The Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fitch said it would be a good idea to start talking about summer activities at the January meeting. Mr. Fitch added that he feels that this Commission should make an effort to have a least one Commissioner attend each event. Chairwoman Rowe agreed.

The Commission Clerk will obtain a list of summer events from Arts Coordinator Mimsie Coleman.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2011 Meeting Schedule

The Commissioners present approved the proposed 2011 Meeting Schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Bell asked what is going on at the Children's Museum. The Garden Club is interested in doing planting in the spring. There was a discussion regarding American Elm Trees. Ms. Bell said they grow very big and create a canopy. She feels that a few flowering tree would be best.

Another option in lieu of planting in front of the Children's Museum, is to start working on a path that runs thru the backside of the park behind the playing fields. Ms. Bell suggested a path of flowering trees and benches. Mr. Fitch felt that this was a wonderful idea. He added that the new trail is close to fruition, adding that Economic Development Director Dale Kroop has indicated that funding is in place.

Mr. Fitch suggested that the Commission talk to the Mayor regarding Connecticut stimulus money.

It was suggested that CAO Curt Leng be invited to the next meeting of this Commission to discuss the Children's Museum, stimulus money and the extension of the trail. Ms. Craft (Acting Commission Clerk) will extend this invitation to Mr. Leng

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission, and Chairwoman Rowe called for a motion to adjourn. **Ms. Bell motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed unanimously. Ms. Rowe adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.**

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Acting Commission Clerk

