



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes - Final

12 Van Tassel Drive
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Kenneth DiRico

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman English called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation/Senior Center.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Lucrezia Finegan
Commissioner Jessica Cobb
Commissioner Thomas Olsen
Commissioner Loretta Kent
Commissioner Shaileen C. English
Commissioner Jessica Buhle
Commissioner Charles Gallagher
Commissioner Deondre Bransford

Excused Chairman Kenneth J. DiRico

In addition, the following were present:

Scott Johnson - Parks & Recreation Director
Gary Paul - Town Councilor
Mike Mooney - Turf Manager

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Correspondence from Mr. Brian Love - Parks & Rec/Senior Commission Merger
2. Correspondence Mr. Brian Love - Baseball Complex
3. Correspondence - Cooper Lighting customer confirmation letter

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

None

VI. REPORTS

1. Director’s Report

Director Scott Johnson gave an update on the outstanding Football water bill. Director Johnson was able to allocate \$6000 to pay the outstanding water bill. Chad Ghallagher asked on behalf of the Football League to be kept in the loop.

2. Year End Turf Management Report

Mr. Mooney reviewed the condition of the field and the need for properly repairing the field.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Administration Committee Special Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2022 and the Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2022.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Loretta Kent

SECONDER: Jessica Buhle

AYE 8 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent English Buhle Gallagher Bransford

EXCUSED 1 DiRico

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Boy Scout Skate Park Project Proposal

No Update

RESULT: CONTINUE

3. Discuss CIP Projects

The CIP (Capitol Improvement Projects) were presented by Director Scott Johnson. Mr. Johnson discussed the new Lantern Hill Valley Park (proposed name). Improvements to the park will include a pavillion/pad, 2 picnic tables, boat launch, etc... The new boat launch will offer the only public access to Bushy Pond.

Motion to approve the CIP (Capitol Improvement Projects) as presented by Director Scott Johnson.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Charles Gallagher

SECONDER: Lucrezia Finegan

AYE 8 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent English Buhle Gallagher Bransford

EXCUSED 1 DiRico

Any Old Business proper to come before the Commission

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Motion to approve the Parks & Recreation FY2024 General Fund Budget.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Charles Gallagher

SECONDER: Lucrezia Finegan

AYE 8 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent English Buhle Gallagher Bransford

EXCUSED 1 DiRico

- 2. Discussion and possible Motion to renew the Grass Cutting and Trimming contract for 2 years.

Motion to renew the Grass Cutting/Trimming contract for two years.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jessica Buhle

SECONDER: Charles Gallagher

AYE 8 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent English Buhle Gallagher Bransford

EXCUSED 1 DiRico

- 3. Discussion and possible Motion to renew the Routine Maintenance contract for 2 years.

Motion to renew the Routine Maintenance contract for two years.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jessica Buhle

SECONDER: Deondre Bransford

AYE 8 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent English Buhle Gallagher Bransford

EXCUSED 1 DiRico

- 4. Discussion and possible Motion to renew the Turf Management Services contract for 2 years.

Motion to renew the Turf Management contract for two years.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Thomas Olsen

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 8 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent English Buhle Gallagher Bransford

EXCUSED 1 DiRico

- 5. Review and provide input on the Administration Committees draft ordinance to combine the Parks & Recreation Commission and Senior Citizens Commission.

The new changes were discussed and no changes were identified. Commissioners will send proposed changes to Director Scott Johnson by January 25, 2023.

Any New Business proper to come before the Commission

6. Parks & Recreation Subcommittee Assignments

Motion to approve Facilities and Administration Parks & Recreation Sub-Committee assignments for 2023.

Facilities Sub-Committee

- Kenneth DiRico
- Charles Gallagher (is this Chad?)
- Deondre Bransford
- Tom Olsen
- Shaileen English

Administration Sub-Committee

- Kenneth DiRico
- Lucrezia Finegan
- Jessica Cobb
- Loretta Kent
- Jessica Buhle

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Thomas Olsen

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 8 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent English Buhle Gallagher Bransford

EXCUSED 1 DiRico

Motion for Parks & Recreation Director Scott Johnson to submit to the office of the Town Clerk that the Parks & Recreation Facilities and Administration Sub-Committees will meet as needed.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Loretta Kent

SECONDER: Jessica Buhle

AYE 8 Finegan Cobb Olsen Kent English Buhle Gallagher Bransford

EXCUSED 1 DiRico

7. Pollinator Garden Discussion

A Pollinator Garden for Saw Mill Park or another location was proposed. Ideas for additional locations for Pollinator Gardens requested.

RESULT: CONTINUE

8. Judge Crandall Field Goal Posts

The Field Goal Posts at Crandall Field will be removed when the field is accessible to the

equipment.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Olsen moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

VOTE: 8-0 Approved and so declared