

Minutes
Borough of Naugatuck
Board of Park Commissioners
May 11, 2010

The Board of Park Commissioners Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. Chairman Pat Wagner with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS:

Jay Kuczenski
Elma Solomon
Francis McMullen
Michael Falcha (Absent)

OTHERS:

James Stewart, Director of Public Works
Kim Eyre, Recreation Director
Bob Roland, Public Works Supt.
Sandra Lucas-Ribeiro, Recording Sec.
Burgess Mindy Fragoso
Public: Jim & Chris Ryan, Doug Wilke,

Chairman Pat Wagner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Jay Kuczenski and seconded by Commissioner Michael Falcha to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 13, 2010 as submitted, all members having received copies for review.

| Voted in favor | Voted against | Abstained |
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| Wagner | | |
| Kuczenski | | |
| McMullen | NONE | NONE |
| Solomon | | |

Motion Carried

Public Comment – Jim Ryan & Chris Ryan, 21 Wild Cherry Dr. were in attendance for public comment in regards to the Fawn Meadow Park Plans. They would like to verify that the rules in the letter that fawn meadow residents received were going to be enforced and if the no parking signs would be placed on the road. Chairman Wagner spoke of the possibility of no parking signs. Burgess Fragoso suggested speaking to the Police Dept. to determine if no parking signs can be placed on public residential roads. The Ryan's asked if the proposed trees and the fence would be in place before the park is used and they do not mind if trees are planted on their property that borders the park. Chairman Wagner confirmed that usage will only begin once the trees and guardrail are in place.

Doug Wilke, 799 New Haven Rd. owner of USA Martial Arts has a recreational karate program through the Park & Rec. that has come into question by the Board of Education in regards to the amount of profit that is being made. Mr. Wilke explained that the program offers karate lessons at a discounted rate to Naugatuck residents only without the need for a uniform at a cost of \$45 with \$5 of that going to the Park & Rec. Dept and the remaining cost goes towards insurance and instructors as opposed to the fee of \$90 for ages 7 and up & \$80 for ages 5&6, He believes that this program is a great way for families that can't afford the fees at the USA Martial Arts Facility to receive the same quality lessons. USA Martial also has a summer camp at there facility and continues to

give the \$5 per child to the Park & Rec. Dept. Burgess Fragoso believes that there is no difference between the Karate Lessons and other programs offered such as culinary lessons. The commission agreed that they will continue to offer the program.

Motion made by Commissioner Jay Kuczenski and seconded by Commissioner Fran McMullen to allow USA Martial Arts to continue there Karate Program through the Parks & Rec. Dept.

| Voted in favor | Voted against | Abstained |
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| Wagner | | |
| Kuczenski | | |
| McMullen | | |
| Solomon | NONE | NONE |

Motion Carried

Street Supt. Reports – Bob Roland, Ball fields are being irrigated, Gunntown Park grading is being done, the silt fence on the property is about 90% in tact. He is looking for the funds for seeding and looking at prices for possible hydro seeding. The bridge at Baummer’s pond has been reinforced and the spillway has been cleaned also looking at some possible plantings for the area. Graffiti at Linden Park, Rotary Field & Salem Playscape has been taken care of. Bob has been speaking with Musco Lighting getting info. on the warranty for the lights at the field s and bulb replacement plans, He received a quote of \$5,040 to repair light boxes damaged by mice and other elements and for the replacement and repair of the 42 lamps at Rotary Field.

Recreation Director Reports – Kim Eyre, Summer Program Registration on 5/10 and has been very slow but believes it will get better. She has set-up training for all the hired summer staff, still needs 2 pool supervisors but has people in mind. She is still waiting for approval from the Supt. of Schools to use schools for summer programs. Sandra has sent out letters requesting donations for the 4th of July Celebration. Dom Golia from Ansonia Public Schools called and proposed a feeding program due to the demographics of Hop Brook School he believes our summer program is eligible to receive free breakfast or lunch daily. Scott pools called as is interested in quoting the chlorine for the Hop Brook Pool for the next fiscal year. She would like the commission to set guidelines for tag sales on the green because she does not believe that is a very good image for the Borough. She would like to discuss rules for dogs in parks because of complaints she received. Com. Kuczenski said that there is a state statute that does not allow dogs off their leash. Chairman Wagner said that signs have to be posted at the parks in order to enforce the law. Burgess Fragoso requested any information on the proposed dog park to give residents somewhere to go. Chairman Wagner informed everybody that Rocky Vitale has dropped off plans for the dog park and the topic will be on next month’s meeting agenda.

Commissioner McMullen– he is waiting for a letter from the swim team to determine what hours they would like to use the NHS pool for lane swimming. He had to leave to attend a fundraiser.

Motion made by Commissioner Jay Kuczenski and seconded by Commissioner Elma Solomon to not allow tag sales on the green.

| Voted in favor | Voted against | Abstained |
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| Wagner | | McMullen (Not Present) |
| Kuczenski | | |
| Solomon | NONE | |

Motion Carried

Football Posts for Pop Warner: topic moved to next month's meeting

Chairman Pat Wagner: Received a letter requesting permission for Flag Football during the months of June & July and believes it is a good sport for those children that are interested in football but not comfortable with the physical contact. Mayor asked that he get a meeting together possibly quarterly to address all the fields.

Motion made by Commissioner Jay Kuczenski and seconded by Commissioner Elma Solomon to allow flag football at Cross St. during June & July.

| Voted in favor | Voted against | Abstained |
|----------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Wagner | | McMullen (Not Present) |
| Kuczenski | | |
| Solomon | NONE | |

Motion Carried

Transfers: Director of Public Works Jim Stewart requested that the commission allow the recommendation to finance board for transfers of \$2,240 from the water account to cover \$140 to the tire acct., \$1,100 to the heating acct., \$1,000 to the dept. suppliesacct. and an additional \$3500 from the water acct. to the Repairs to Playground Acct. to cover the costs of the needed repairs to Hop Brook Pool. He met with Drakely Pool to discuss repairs because in his opinion Hop Brook Pool is not safe at this time to open unless repairs are done. Mr. Stewart requested that the Supt. have public works employees assist in some of the scraping of the pools plaster to prepare it for painting to potentially drive down the cost of the pool repairs. Burgess Fragoso suggested we contact a former burgess that has a pool company to supply a quote for the potential work to be done on Hop Brook Pool.

Motion made by Chairman Pat Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Elma Solomon to make transfer recommendations to the finance board.

| Voted in favor | Voted against | Abstained |
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| Wagner | | McMullen (Not Present) |
| Kuczenski | | |
| Solomon | NONE | |

Motion Carried

Commissoner Jay Kuczenski: He co-sponsored the pitch hit & run event a couple of weeks ago along with the Dave Macharelli & Elks Club and recently received a call from the directors of the campaign explaining how happy they were with the results and are giving Naugatuck the opportunity to host the Sectional Finals on June 5th bringing in children and parents from several surrounding towns to Naugatuck. The Elks Club is no longer sponsoring so the event will be sponsored by Jay Kuczenski & Dave Macharelli and co-sponsored by the Park & Rec. Comm. He has received cash donations and contacted Pepsi-Cola for drinks. He needs volunteers and will donate any proceeds collected selling t-shirts, drinks, hot dogs etc. to the Park & Rec. general fund.

Public Comment - Burgess Fragoso, She is putting together a trip to the casino to raise money for the villages, Julie Sampaio is getting some dates together for the latter part of June and would like to stir up publicity for the trip. She is concerned with the brush growing into the road on the island on rte 63 across from the Tuttle Bldg., she will contact the State D.O.T. to address the issue. She also wanted to let the commission know of her intentions to clean the entrance to Breen Field and would like to get a sign that is uniform with others in town but is high enough for visitors that aren't familiar with the whereabouts of the fields. She received a call about the lights on the field being left on and the resident would like to know the cost of running the lights and who is responsible for leaving them on. The Rec. Director stated that they are unsure of who is responsible for leaving them on and that Pat in the accounting office has the cost of running the lights. She would also like to request use of the green for the Farmer's Market as she has in the past.

Motion made by Commissioner Jay Kuczenski and seconded by Commissioner Elma Solomon to allow use of the green for the Farmer's Market.

| Voted in favor | Voted against | Abstained |
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| Wagner Kuczenski Solomon | NONE | McMullen (Not Present) |

Motion Carried

Motion by Commissioner Kuczenski and seconded by Chairman Wagner to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.