

**PARKS AND RECREATION AND
ACQUIRED FACILITIES COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 5, 2012

Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall

7:00 p.m.

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Note: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in Wolcott Town Hall, Commission Secretary's Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ronald Cordeau, Carl Dambrauskas, Jack Kirschbaum, Robert Sherman, and John Curley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Harry Najarian and Steven Lagasse

ALSO PRESENT: Jason McCormack, President, Wolcott Girls Softball Association; Scott Rossignol, President, Wolcott Midget Football; Taxpayer: Michael Bruce; et al.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Organizational & Regular Meeting February 6, 2012**

Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman, seconded by John Curley, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the February 6, 2012 Organizational & Regular Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE (on file):

1. **Purchase Order Request: Submitted by Pete Carey, Quote in the amount of \$2,913.20 for VersaMats for playground at Peterson Park**
2. **P&R Expenditure Report as of 02-29-12 (Dept. 521)**
3. **P&R Updated Program Support Allocation Summary as of 02-23-12 (separate email attachment)**
4. **Memo dated February 24th sent to sports organizations regarding 2012 Approved Field Allotments (allotments previously sent to the sports organizations and Commission)**

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5. **Copies of Program Support checks recently mailed to organizations**

6. **Acquired Facilities Financial Reports as of 02-29-12 (Dept. 30)**

TAXPAYERS' TIME: (Limited to Items on the Agenda)

No taxpayers came forward.

STAFF REPORTS/ PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS: {Dam Inspectors; Woodtick Recreation Area Director; P&R Program Director}

• **Purchase Order Requests**

Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman, seconded by Carl Dambrauskas, it was unanimously voted to **encumber \$2,913.20** from Dept. 521; line item **#7180** 'Park Improvements', and **authorize Peter Carey** to expend that amount for VERSAMATS for the playground area at Peterson Park (vendor: DICA).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion Regarding Programs & Procedures

➤ **Wolcott Boys & Girls Summer/Fall Basketball Programs**

The above item will be addressed at the April meeting.

➤ **Wolcott Midget Football**

Scott Rossignol came forward and reported the following:

- The program is getting better and better every year
- This year they have 180 football payers and 100 cheerleaders
- They sent the Cheerleaders to National Championships and the Midgets won the State Championship

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- They started with the 5 and 6 year olds about 2 years ago
- Largest expense is their equipment, Insurance, and Referees
- They recondition the helmets every 2 years which is about \$6,000.00
- They hold raffles and fundraisers for kids who cannot afford to play; they have never turned anyone away
- Raffles are their biggest income; it used to be the snack bar at the Sports Complex but they cannot keep those funds anymore; those funds go back to support the complex
- Practice is tight at Frisbie; they have 7 teams now
- Frisbie Field is a mess after the Lions Fair; hoping that they will be using their new property from now on

A brief question and answer period followed.

➤ **Wolcott Girls Softball Association**

Jason McCormack came forward and reported the following:

- The league was started in 1994 by George Babcock
- The program has expanded to 180 players
- They play with some outside organizations as well; Waterbury P.A.L. and the East Mountain Athletic Association; last year they also played with Town Plot
- Wakelee is the only field that they use
- There are water issues with the grounds there; last spring was the worst it has ever been
- He would like to know what the best way is to communicate with Public Works; there have been issues with when work is scheduled, etc.
- He would like to know what their plans are for the spring; it is a mess up there right now
- A portion of the fees that they charge the outside organizations are used for field maintenance and supplies

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- Snack bar sales are not as profitable as they would like them to be; they have a new snack bar coordinator, so hopefully it will improve

Chairman Cordeau advised that he should contact the Secretary with any requests or problems. She will copy himself and David Kalinowski with the issue.

A brief question and answer period followed.

2. Discussion Regarding Dredging

Chairman Cordeau reported that he has spoken with Mr. Kalinowski a few times and he also met with the Mayor and Linda Bruce. For their new budget, they will be transferring \$25,000 from cash and placing it into Capital Outlay. They had already proposed \$7,500 in the Capital Outlay account; this will bring it to \$32,500. They will discuss this again with Public Works in October, when they are done with all of the new road work. At that time, they will see if Public Works will be able to help with an access road to get into the area.

3. Building Committee for the Walking Trail

Chairman Cordeau noted that he spoke to the Mayor who will ask the Town Council if they can disband the separate Building Committee that they established and allow a sub-committee of this commission to do the work.

4. Program Support Allocations

Upon **MOTION** by Carl Dambrauskas, seconded by Robert Sherman, it was unanimously voted to **allocate** from line item **#5820** 'Program Support-Other Teams' the following: **\$8,500.00** to the **Wolcott Girls Softball Association (WGSA)**, **\$11,000.00** to **Wolcott Midget Football**, **\$2,100.00** to the **Wolcott Boys & Girls Summer/Fall Basketball Programs**, and **\$3,000.00** to the **Wolcott Activity & Learning Center (WALC)**, and **allocate \$5,000.00** from line item **#5810** 'Program

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Support-P&R Teams' also to the **Wolcott Activity & Learning Center** (\$8,000 total to WALC) for Program Support for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman, seconded by John Curley, it was unanimously voted to **add** 'Weekend Park Attendant' to the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **Weekend Park Attendant**

Chairman Cordeau referenced the above position and noted that they need to find someone for the job. The hours are flexible; they need to come twice a day on Sat and Sunday and Fridays if they are available. There are some light cleaning duties and the doors on the pavilion must be rolled up and down according to if the pavilion is split and at the end of the night. The lighting has also been an issue; they stay on all night while it's dark and it is attracting kids to congregate there. Pete Carey will be getting a quote to change the lighting there. With respect to the position, it was noted that it is a difficult one to fill because of the hours; they will try to fill by word of mouth. They would prefer to not advertise.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Old Business:

- Discussion Regarding Programs & Procedures
- Discussion Regarding Dredging
- Building Committee for the Walking Trail

TAXPAYERS' TIME:

1. **Michael Bruce of 424 Boundline Road** came forward and thanked the Commission for what they do for the youth in Town. Mr. Bruce stated that they were going to use the cameras this evening that have been provided by the State of CT to tape the meeting tonight. He explained that there have been roadblocks placed in their way by the cable

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access provider. They have been reluctant to provide the airtime that they need; they have been fighting with them since 2009. Their issue should be resolved in the next 2 months. They will hopefully be utilizing Channel 96 for weekend programming. Mr. Bruce apologized for the short notification that the Commission received. He noted that they will be receiving notification from the Mayor as to what the plans are for videotaping. He stated that he hopes that the Commission will give permission for videotaping for the next meeting.

Chairman Cordeau apologized for not allowing the taping this evening, however, he noted that he felt the Commission needed more of a notice and an explanation as to what was going on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Robert Sherman, seconded by Jack Kirschbaum, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Gaudiosi
Commission Secretary

Ronald Cordeau, Chairman
Park & Recreation Commission