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**Meeting Minutes of the Parker Memorial Park Commission
June 8, 2017, Parker Memorial Park, Branford**

Present: Commissioners Esborn, Radulski, and Redman; Absent: Commissioners Masotta and O'Neill, both of whom had notified the Chairman of their schedule conflicts prior to the meeting. A majority of the Commissioners being present, the Chairman declared a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. The minutes of the May 11 meeting were accepted unanimously by the Commissioners present, with the motion to approve ('MTA') by Commissioner Esborn and the motion to second ('MTS') by Commissioner Redman.

Public Comments: No members of the public being present to speak, the period was held open by unanimous vote, with the MTA by Commissioner Redman and the MTS by Commissioner Esborn.

Budget: No report (the Commission's funds have been transferred to the Town's Board of Recreation ('BOR')).

Correspondence: Members of the public have been contacting Commissioners with various requests/input regarding memorial benches and event dates; no other correspondence was noted.

Old Business:

1. Dead/deteriorated trees in the Park were discussed; the Chairman has requested that the Town's Tree Warden walk through the Park to inspect for unsafe tree/limb conditions, before Branford public schools end their academic year and the use of the Park correspondingly increases (refer to previous minutes for more information regarding tree care/removal). The Chairman and Commissioner Masotta performed a walkthrough in late May.
2. Regarding the deteriorated road surface of some parts of Parker Memorial Park Drive, discussed at previous meetings, Commissioners Esborn, Redman and Masotta reported that they'd recommended to the Town that a large section of road should be entirely repaved, and their initial report is that they've been told that a layer of asphalt is to be laid over the existing surface, which may prove unsatisfactory. Repaving is recommended to reduce/eliminate hazards to pedestrians and thereby reduce Town liability, especially with the Town fireworks bringing many pedestrians to the Drive on that night.
3. The Chairman reported that the next BOR meeting would be June 14, and that therefore there were no new BOR items to report.
4. The Park's benches were discussed (refer to previous minutes for details), and several more are to be installed shortly. One has been received, and another is due in shortly.

5. Commissioner Redman noted that the school's ESL group had performed its annual day of helping with Park clean-up work, and that she would request that Commissioner O'Neill send a thank-you note to the school.
6. The ornamental grasses at the northeast corner of the Playscape have been replaced with yew bushes.
7. Fencing is still to be installed at the north side of the entrance road, from the inside of the main gate to the (presently) third pedestrian walkway. The (presently) first two walkways are to be abandoned and painted over to obliterate them.
8. The smoking ban was discussed, with regard to no-smoking signs to be installed.

New Business: The lines in the road are to be repainted, by the Town's Department of Public Works.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM; the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 7 PM, in Parker Memorial Park, at a table near the bathroom building.

Respectfully,

Matt Radulski, Chairman