

**Meeting Minutes of the Parker Memorial Park Commission**

**May 11, 2017**

**Branford Fire Department Headquarters**

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Present: All Commissioners (Esborn, Masotta, O'Neill, Radulski, and Redman)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The minutes of the April 13 meeting were accepted unanimously by the Commission, with the motion to approve ('MTA') by Commissioner Esborn and the motion to second ('MTS') by Commissioner O'Neill

**Public Comments:** Mr. Walt Romblad, the Park maintenance supervisor, appeared before the Commission, stated that he's begun work for the season, and presented details regarding progress on work performed to date. The period was held open by unanimous vote, with the MTA by Commissioner O'Neill Esborn and the MTS by Commissioner Redman.

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

**Correspondence:** None reported.

**Old Business:**

1. Dead/deteriorated trees in the Park were discussed; the Commission will request that the Town's Tree Warden walk through the Park (with one or more Commissioners) 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 is to determine the availability of the Warden and Commissioners and to schedule the walkthrough.
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 he'd attended the previous BOR meeting and discussed action/report items regarding the Park.
4. The Parks' bocce court was discussed (refer to previous minutes); the Chairman reported that the court users, per his request, had removed personal property.
5. The painted-over "No Dogs" sign at the northeast corner of the Park has been replaced.
6. 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.
7. As previously reported, Commissioner Redman noted that June 5 (primary) and June 6 (rain date) have been selected by the school's ESL group for its annual day to help with Park clean-up work, and that she has notified Walt Romblad of that.

8. Commissioner Redman coordinated having the beaches receive additional sand and being graded/smoothed, during the week of April 17<sup>th</sup>.
9. The Park's services (dumpster, water, etc.) have been activated for the summer.

**New Business:** The ornamental grasses at the northeast corner of the Playscape are to be replaced with yew bushes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM; the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7 PM, in Parker Memorial Park, at a table near the bathroom building.

Respectfully,

Matt Radulski, Chairman