

Minutes of the Parker Memorial Park Commission
Meeting of August 10, 2017, Parker Memorial Park, Branford

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Present: Commissioners Masotta, O'Neill, Radulski, and Redman; Absent: Commissioner Esborn. 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 July 20 special meeting were accepted unanimously by the Commissioners present, with the motion to approve ('MTA') by Commissioner O'Neill and the motion to second ('MTS') by Commissioner Masotta; a correction was noted, to reflect that this August meeting is being held on August 10, the regular second-Thursday date (vice the August 8 date listed in the minutes of the July meeting).

Public Comments: Members of the public were present to speak at the July meeting and the August meeting; notes of the July input were attached to the previous minutes. Upon conclusion of the comments, the period was held open by unanimous vote, with the MTA by Commissioner O'Neill and the MTS by Commissioner Redman. Recreation Director Alex Palluzzi and Park Supervisor Walter Romblad also appeared before the Commission.

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

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, (refer to previous minutes for more information regarding tree care/removal). The Chairman and Commissioner Masotta performed a walkthrough in late May. Some dead trees have been removed from the highest part of the Park. Mr. Romblad is to contact Mr. Zielinski of the Department of Public Works regarding any further tree-related issues
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.
3. The Park's benches were discussed (refer to previous minutes for details). One has been installed recently (by the Kroll family) and another is to be installed shortly.
4. Some new grills have been received, with one installed and the remainder to be installed shortly.
5. Commissioner O'Neill stated that she would send a thank-you note when the school year started to the school's ESL group for performing its annual day of helping with Park clean-up work in June.
6. Permanent fencing is still to be installed at the north and south sides of the entrance road, from the inside of the main gate to the second pedestrian walkway. The first walkway has been abandoned and painted over to obliterate it. Snow fencing has been installed on a temporary basis. Commissioner O'Neill is to follow up with the Recreation Department as to when the permanent fence is going to be installed (it's to be a split-rail fence, with green plastic-clad wire mesh installed on it to prevent children from climbing through it, in the same style as is installed in the Playscape).

7. The smoking ban was discussed. Commissioner O'Neill is to follow up with the Department of Public Works about getting a new sign installed at the main entrance.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM; the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7 PM, at Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street.

Respectfully, Matt Radulski, Chairman