

**CITY OF GROTON
BEACH & PARKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES (via Zoom)
January 13, 2021**

Scott Nadeau, Chair Protem, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Jaqueline Hoyt, Scott Nadeau, William Borysewicz, Gail Kelly, Lori McClain, Cynthia Garvey and Brian Clinton

Absent:

City Representatives: Director Mary Hill and Parks & Recreation Admin Assistant Val Koschmieder

Guest: None

Election of Chairperson & Secretary:

William Borysewicz was nominated for Chairperson and accepted the nomination.

Motion Moved by: Gail Kelly

Motion Seconded by: Cynthia Garvey

Abstained: None

Vote: All in favor

Cynthia Garvey was nominated for Secretary but did not accept the nomination.

Motion Moved by: Scott Nadeau

Motion Seconded by: Gail Kelly

Abstained: None

Vote: No vote was taken as nomination was declined.

Jaqueline Hoyt was nominated for Secretary and accepted the nomination.

Motion Moved by: Cynthia Garvey

Motion Seconded by: William Borysewicz

Abstained: None

Vote: All in favor

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Motion Moved by: Gail Kelly

Motion Seconded by: Cynthia Garvey

Abstained: None

Vote: All in favor

Correspondence

A discussion was held regarding naming the Gatehouse after Al Restivo per the request of TJ Restivo. Item went to New Business for a vote.

A separate discussion was held regarding a memorial request for Fred Hahn. This item went to New Business for a vote as well.

Monthly Reports

The December 2020 Recreation Director's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Rules and Regulation for 2021 were reviewed and finalized. The following changes were made:

Page 1, Item A (Hours) Lifeguards on duty 8:00 am to 8:00 pm daily

Page 2, item E (Daily Rates) 5:00-8:00 pm ½ price parking daily (except on Special Events)

Page 4, Item L, 13 (Rules and Regulations) Added pop-ups to items not allowed on sandy beach area or Tyler House Lawn. Also added, Staff has the right to request that any item be removed from the sand area.

Motion was made to move the Rules and Regulation for 2021 to the Mayor & Council for final approval.

Motion Moved by: Scott Nadeau

Motion Seconded by: Cynthia Garvey

Abstained: None

Vote: All in favor

New Business

Parks & Recreation User Fees 2021 were reviewed and discussed. The following changes were discussed: Summer Playground fees to increase: Full Day, Full Summer Program 6-14 yrs/Weekly Rate to 300.00/50.00 for Residents and 375.00/60.00 for Non-Residents and Half day, Full Summer Program 4-5 yrs/Weekly Rate to 150.00/50.00 for Residents and 200.00/60.00 for Non-Residents.

Ballfield Fee Structure to increase, being researched.

Zbierski House Rental Fees to increase. Much discussion took place to either raise the fee for Individual Private Parties Resident/Non-Resident to 50.00/100.00 or 40.00/80.00 per hour.

Motion was made to raise the Zbierski House Rental Fees for Group 3, Individual Private Parties, to 40.00 per hour for Residents and 80.00 per hour for Non-Residents.

Motion Moved by: Scott Nadeau

Motion Seconded by: Brian Clinton

Abstained: None

Vote: All in favor

Business Rental Fees also to increase to \$100 per hour for a City Business and \$200 per hour for outside City Business. Discussion on User Fees will continue at the February meeting.

Motion was made to name the Gatehouse at Eastern Point Beach after Al Restivo to honor his 39 years of service to this committee and to acknowledge Tom Restivo's request, then move this request to Mayor & Council for final approval.

Motion Moved by: Scott Nadeau

Motion Seconded by: Brian Clinton

Abstained: None

Vote: All in favor

Requests came in to Director Hill to name something baseball related at Washington Park after Fred Hahn. Discussion took place about how much baseball his son, Jesse Hahn, played at Washington Park always with his Dad, Fred Hahn, supporting him and Groton Little League as a whole. Fred was a beloved member of the Groton Community and a huge donor/supporter of Groton Little League which continued long after his son moved on to bigger baseball opportunities. The discussion also turned to former UCONN/Avery Point Baseball Coach & Athletic Director Roger Bidwell, his more than 36 years of coaching Avery Point's Baseball Team at Washington Park and his contributions to the Groton Community. Fred Hahn and Coach Bidwell were great friends as well.

A Motion was made to name Ball Field 3 at Washington Park after Coach Roger Bidwell and the Field 3 Press Box after Fred Hahn. Groton Little League will cover the cost of signage for the Fred Hahn portion. Motion will then be moved to Mayor & Council for final approval.

Motion Moved by: Gail Kelly

Motion Seconded by: Scott Nadeau

Abstained: None

Vote: All in favor

Any other business to come before this committee

Jaqueline Hoyt inquired about a small structure in Fort Griswold that is full of moss and decaying. Director Hill will reach out to the proper CT State Park person to pass on her concerns.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Motion Moved by: Gail Kelly

Motion Seconded by: Scott Nadeau

Respectfully submitted,

Val Koschmieder, Stand In Secretary

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