

The Shelton Parks & Recreation Commission held a meeting on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. in the Shelton Community Center.

Members present: Chairman John Papa  
Diana Barry  
Alyson Burke  
Gary Cahill  
Joseph DeFillippo  
Paul Gabor  
Stanley Kudej  
Harry LaBonda  
David Zamba (arrived late)

Members absent: Carey Moran – excused  
Michelle Pagliaro Haywood - excused

Staff present: Ronald Herrick, Director  
Ann Marie Boehlert, Aquatic Director  
Dean Cawthra, Parks Superintendent

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Joseph DeFillippo it was unanimously voted to add the sale of City owned property to the agenda under New Business.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Terrence Gallagher, Trails Committee member, addressed the Commission with concerns about the dog park. His concerns, as with members of both the Trails Commission and Conservation, is the site on Nells Rock Road. He questioned the involvement of the Dog Shelter with that site also. Is there a report on the available sites or sites that were toured for this facility, questioned Terrence Gallagher? Chairman Papa answered that there was not. Terrence Gallagher also reported they had National Trail Day. About 30 people walked throughout the Indian Well corridor.

### **MAY MINUTES**

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Gary Cahill it was unanimously voted to accept the May minutes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ronald Herrick read a letter from Jim Ferro regarding the Girl's High School Soccer Team and a camp they will be having at Capewell Park. A request was submitted for a Great American Bake Sale to be held at the Community Center and a request for a hot tub at the pool area.

Ronald Herrick read a letters from Glenn Leonard for permission to have a Hot Dog Cart at the concerts and other City functions, and a letter from Tim Kulish, Shelton American Little League regarding the baseball field behind the Community Center.

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They recently did some work but are asking for monetary assistance with fence repairs.

Ronald Herrick received a letter from John Neske, Scott Gura and Jim Carey thanking Art and the Parks and Rec. crew for the preparing, caring and maintaining the baseball field at the High School.

Ronald Herrick received a questionnaire with regard to the Nike Site from the Department of the Interior.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **DIRECTOR'S**

The Boat Ramp has had minimal use. We have received donations for the Gazebo Fund. The concerts start this Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **AQUATIC DIRECTOR'S**

Ann Marie Boehlert received a request from the High School Swim Team to change their swim times. This would displace many lap swimmers.

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Joseph DeFillippo it was unanimously voted to stay with the present times and plan for the Shelton High School Swim Team.

#### **PARK SUPERINTENDENT**

Chairman Papa asked Dean if he got the tractor yet. Dean replied it is at a standstill. The railing has not been fixed at East Village. It will be wood. Joseph DeFillippo questioned why not metal? Chairman Papa stated wood is what we have right now. Diana Barry was concerned it could be a liability for the City.

On a motion made by Paul Gabor seconded by Stanley Kudej it was unanimously voted to accept all Staff Reports.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: FINANCE**

Paul Gabor looked at the bills.

#### **GAZEBO**

Chairman Papa reported concerts start Wednesday, the contracts have been signed. The police are set for the fireworks and portolets have been ordered. Is the electric in down there, questioned Chairman Papa? No, not yet, Dean Cawthra answered.

#### **FIELD MAINTENANCE**

Stanley Kudej reported that the bids will be closed on Tuesday for Long Hill. They had to go out again and now they are split in 6 segments. The bid will be awarded on June 29<sup>th</sup>. They hope these new bids will be lower. The first bids came in at \$800,000.00.

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They are hoping to keep this under \$500,000.00.

There was a discussion about the Nike Site. They need more clay. The fence needs to be fixed.

**CONSERVATION: NO REPORT FILED**

On a motion made by Gary Cahill seconded by Stanley Kudej it was unanimously voted to accept all Committee Reports.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Papa reported that the Board of Aldermen are working on updating the sidewalk ordinance. There are concerns and time restraints for the removal of snow. The equipment is a concern, and the need for a tractor to be able to do these sidewalks that include Huntington Center, Ten Coat Lane, Lafayette School area and Long Hill School area.

A survey is needed for the Boat Ramp property to see how far out we go with the ramp, stated Chairman Papa.

The new dehumidifiers are in but not hooked up. There was a glitch in the design that will cost the City more money.

On a motion made by Alyson Burke seconded by Joseph DeFillippo it was unanimously voted to accept the Chairman's Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Commission went over the Dog Park Rules. Alyson Burke stated the hours are not listed. Diana Barry stated an Emergency Phone Number should be listed. Robert Zuraw questioned what ordinances pertain to dogs, we should know what they are, instead of just listing that ordinances are in effect. Terrence Gallagher, addressed the Commission, stating that they want to make sure the Dog Park is compatible with the other uses in the Greenway. He was concerned with the Red Barn and equipment stored in there. He was also concerned with the amount of noise generated from a Dog Park.

**End of Side 1A of 1B, tape 1 of 1 at 8:15 P.M.**

A question was asked with regard to the Abbey Wright property for the Dog Park? That property was walked but the people on the committee felt it was too wet and it would be afraid to walk dogs there because it was secluded, stated Chairman Papa.

**NEW BUSINESS: SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY**

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Ronald Herrick read the requests made from the Board of Aldermen with regard to properties at Middle Avenue, Howe Avenue, Access Road, Soundview Avenue and Perry Hill Avenue. The request is for the City to sell these properties and the Commission has to show rather they are interested in these properties for recreational uses.

A discussion followed for each property with an exclamation of just exactly what is being asked. There was a lengthy discussion with regard to 279 Soundview Avenue which is a 13.9 acre piece and we would only be selling the house and garage for a total of one acre out of the 13.

There was a lengthy discussion on Perry Hill Road as well. This piece connects to the Old Intermediate School. There would be many uses for that.

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Alyson Burke it was unanimously voted to report back to the Board of Aldermen that the Parks & Recreation Commission shows no interest in the property's located at Middle Avenue, Howe Avenue and Access Road and that the Parks & Recreation does show an interest in the property's at 279 Soundview Avenue and 58 Perry Hill Road, and report back to the Board of Aldermen that these two property's should not be sold.

On a motion made by Gary Cahill seconded by Robert Zuraw it was unanimously voted to go into Executive Session.

On a motion made by Joseph DeFillippo seconded by Gary Cahill it was unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session at 9:02 P.M. There were no motions made and no votes taken.

On a motion made by Robert Zuraw seconded by Harry LaBonda it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Diana Barry