

Town of Seymour Parks Commission



Monthly Meeting - February 23, 2009

Members Present: Bill Paecht, Bob Lang, Ray Faustich, Mike Gargano, Dom Bellucci

Guests Present: Marc Weissman

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Bill Paecht

Minutes of the January 26 meeting were read. Motion to approve, Dom, 2nd Mike. All in favor.

Bill met with PW Director Dennis Rozum earlier in the day. He reported that due to budget restrictions, public works will not be hiring any summer help this year. This will make it difficult to adequately maintain parks this year. Also, clay has been ordered for Matthies Park. There was storm damage at French Park due to an uprooted tree. The bandstand and a picnic table took direct hits. We will check with our insurance carrier. A storage building will be placed at Chatfield Park, courtesy of Seymour Land Trust.

Marc Weissman distributed information about the proposed dog track website and fund raising ideas. He made changes to the website based on our suggestions. A possible location for the dog park is Gary Park. There is an undeveloped area close to the entrance of the park. It's isolated and away from the playing fields and playground.

The proposed renovations at Broad Street Park were discussed. According to Bill Paecht, completing the project with a \$10,000 budget will be very tight. We may have to leave out some optional parts of the project. We still are waiting for permission from the State of Connecticut and the DEP. A letter will be sent to Al Yagovane asking him to secure permits from these

groups so we can begin the project. We are scheduled to meet with Dennis Rozum on March 9 to go over the project.

In preparation for spring sports, the fields should be inspected. A motion was made by Dom, 2nd Mike to walk the fields within two weeks, All in favor.

Discussion ensued regarding travel teams using our fields. We need to reword our policy to take into consideration teams with paid coaches and lacking non profit status. This will be done at a future meeting.

The remainder of the meeting involved approval of field applications for 2009. Some applications were tabled until we receive more information or due to conflicts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM. Motion by Ray, 2nd Dom. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lang
Secretary, Parks Commission