

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN, CT  
RECREATION AND ATHLETIC COMPLEX COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008, 7:30 P.M., EAST HAVEN SENIOR  
CENTER, 91 TAYLOR AVE., EAST HAVEN, CT 06512**

The East Haven Recreation and Athletic Complex Commission held a regular meeting on Monday, November 10, 2008 at the East Haven Senior Center.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairman Louis Pacelli, Commissioner Ben Fronte,  
Commissioner Steve Kluth, Commissioner Paul Thompson, Jr.,  
Louis Pane, Recreation Director

Absent: Commissioner Mike Sorbo,

A Quorum was declared.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fronte and seconded by Commissioner Thompson to move Public Session discussion to the beginning of the agenda.

**Vote was unanimous – Motion carried**

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Bob Zysk, 233 Mansfield Grove Road, Unit 501, East Haven

Mr. Zysk asked the Commission for approval to hold his wedding on the Town Beach on Saturday, May 30, 2009. Chairman Pacelli explained that if the request is approved no alcohol is allowed on the beach, permission to use the beach house cannot be granted, residents cannot be restricted from using the beach that day, and any flowers, trellises, etc. must be cleaned up and removed by Mr. Zysk after the ceremony.

Motion was made by Chairman Pacelli and seconded by Commissioner Kluth to approve Bob Zysk's request to use the Town Beach for his wedding ceremony on Sunday, May 30, 2009.

**Vote was unanimous – Motion carried**

Mr. Zysk's requested use of the parking lot, with possible permits for guests. He was advised to contact Mayor Capone-Almon directly for this request, since the Commission can't close the beach or provide parking. The Commission will send an approval letter to Mr. Zysk, with a copy to the Mayor, and stating the conditions of the approval.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Chairman Pacelli and seconded by Commissioner Fronte to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2008 meeting.

**Vote was unanimous – Motion carried**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ralph Mauro and Mayor Capone-Almon contacted Chairman Pacelli to request a new sign at the athletic complex near the ice rink. Lou Pane advised the Commission that plans have been initiated for a new sign and he will update the Commission on its progress at future meetings.

The Commission will send a letter to Mark Caponera, Assistant Director of Public Works to request bigger neon signs to clarify designated parking at the athletic complex for hockey, football and soccer, with copies sent to Mayor Capone-Almon, Ralph Mauro and Pat Paulsen.

Commissioner Kluth left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Capone-Almon, Ralph Mauro, Mark Caponera, Chairman Pacelli and Commissioner Fronte are still looking for a location to create a dog-walking park. Discussion on some possible sites for the dog-walking park.

Discussion on the dog patrol locations being used successfully.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Lou Pane reported to the Commission on a blood born pathogen class that 14 lifeguards have been certified in. This first-time course was given free of charge by Chuck Licata of the East Haven Fire Department at the Town Pool.

**CORRESPONDENCE SENT:**

Last month the Commission sent letters to James Oca, Mayor Capone-Almon and Lou Pane.

The Commission will ask Lou Pane about keeping the Town Beach open until 6 p.m. next summer at the December meeting, and this item will be put on the agenda.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Commissioner Fronte read a letter he received from Attorney Lou Crisci of Jeffrey Road regarding the lack of public and handicapped parking at the ice rink and athletic complex. Discussion on the letter was tabled pending legal advice from the Town Attorney, and the Commission will refer the letter to Mayor Capone-Almon for response to Mr. Crisci. A copy will also be sent to Ralph Mauro. A response to Attorney Crisci's letter will be requested to be sent as soon as possible, and Chairman Pacelli will follow up if no response is sent by Friday of this week.

Motion was made by Chairman Pacelli and seconded by Commissioner Thompson to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote was unanimous – Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Marie McGuire