

Town of East Haven, CT
Recreation and Athletic Complex Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2015
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Members Present:

Chairwoman Joan Adamczyk
Commissioner William Porto
Commissioner Woody Esposito

Members Absent

Commissioner Barry Morganti
Vice-Chair Lou Anastasio
Rec. Director Louis Pane

Public Present:

Judy Esposito
Angelo Santomassimo
Bev Gravino
Stacy Gravino
Ken McKay

Chairwoman Adamczyk called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve the minutes of the January 12th, 2015 meeting was made by Commissioner Esposito and seconded by Commissioner Porto. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence Received

The Rec. Department forwarded an email from Veronica Martinez who is requesting to use the Town Beach for a wedding ceremony on July 18 at 5:00 p.m. The commission stated that all rules are in effect (No alcohol, no flowers, and she is responsible for clean- up). Commissioner Esposito made a **MOTION** to grant permission for the request. Commissioner Porto seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Rec Department also forwarded an email from Renee Masiello on behalf of the Tuttle School PTO requesting use of the Town Green on April 11 from 8-3 for a craft fair. Chairwoman Adamczyk will find out from Sal Brancati if they are covered for insurance under the school policy and let them know.

Correspondence Sent

None

Public Session

Angelo Santomassimo- He stated that he used to be the Chairman of this committee and could no longer sit still and not speak out against the issue with the bleachers at the Middle School complex. When he was Chair, the committee voted to shut the complex

down due to the safety of the bleachers. The administration overruled the commission and ordered the

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facility back open. He doesn't understand why the commission was overruled then. He wants Chairwoman Adamczyk to go before the Town Council and see if the administration has any right to go against the commission and that it becomes more obvious that the administration does what it wants to do. The bleachers are now coming down because the Board of Education stated they were unsafe.

Ken McKay-Made a presentation to the commission with regard to beach parking permits. He had done research on them and got information from surrounding towns. In Branford, residents must go to the tax office with their license and car registration to get a sticker for \$5.00 which entitles residents to use the transfer station as well as parking at their beaches. Senior Citizens and Veterans are not charged. The sticker is adhered to the front bumper of the car with the license plate number on it. However, the residents' local taxes must be paid in order to receive the sticker. In Guilford, there is a \$50 charge for a permit which residents get from the Park and Rec Department. They must show their license and registration as well. There are no tax checks. Ken McKay suggested we have residents get stickers from the tax office and that there be a fee of \$5.00 starting next year as that is when the current stickers expire. A discussion was held with regard to the types of stickers and that they should be more permanent than the cling ones that are used now. More like the old emission stickers that tear if you try to remove them. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Esposito to accept Ken McKay's idea of a \$5.00 parking sticker as a residential permit that would be given out through the tax collector's office once it was deemed that the resident's taxes are up to date. Chairwoman Adamczyk seconded. Commissioner Esposito and Vice-Chair Adamczyk approved, Commissioner Porto was opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

There was also a **MOTION** made by Chairwoman Adamczyk and seconded by Commissioner Esposito to have Park and Rec. Director Lou Pane make his employees working at the parking lots at the town beach ask for drivers licenses when people are trying to park in the lot and to go into effect this year (2015). All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairwoman Adamczyk thanked Ken McKay for his presentation.

Directors Report

There was no report as Director Lou Pane was not in attendance.

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Old Business

None

New Business

None

There being no other business to come before the commission, a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 was made by Commissioner Esposito and seconded by Commissioner Porto. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk