

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

Chairwoman Joan Adamczyk
Vice-Chair William Porto
Commissioner Steve Tracey

Public Present:

See Attached List

Chairwoman Adamczyk called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve the minutes of the June 13th meeting was made by Vice-Chair Porto and seconded by Commissioner Tracey. All were in favor, none were opposed and no one abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence Received

None

Correspondence Sent

A letter was emailed and sent regular mail to Kevin White regarding the issues about the fence and backstops at Memorial Field and the water fountain at the pool. No response was received nor was he in attendance at this meeting as requested.

Public Session

Jacqueline Caso spoke regarding the town beach. There are safety concerns with the illegal parking in the street which is still occurring. The police drive by but no ticketing is occurring or towing. There are still people coming in and out of the lots without the stickers and they guards are not asking for licenses when entering the lot. There is grilling happening on the beach and there aren't enough lifeguards on duty. The bathrooms are filthy and the toilet paper and soap are always running out. The littering is out of control which is not necessary as there are many trash receptacles available they're just not emptied enough. Lots of dirty diapers and food left all over. She loves it there and she isn't here to bash the beach being open to the public but there needs to be some changes. Chairwoman Adamczyk stated that she wished Director Lou Pane was here tonight to listen to the complaints. It was mentioned that the bathrooms are cleaned every morning but maybe they need to be done more than once a day. The timer for the splash pad was finally fixed as it wasn't being turned off until 9 pm when it is supposed to go off at 7 pm. The improvements that have been done to the beach area and parking have been helpful but there are plenty of issues with loading and unloading of cars and cars actually being pulled onto the beach, of which that area was recently fixed so no cars could pull up on that section. There are people drinking alcohol in open containers which is prohibited on the beach.

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Lori Pellegrino spoke about going to Jacobs Beach in Guilford where there are no trash cans as everyone is expected to take their trash with them. They have 1 person at the gate collecting money from out of towners and one person walking the beach monitoring everything at all times. The guards at our beach do not.

Sal Maltese stated that nonresident's park in the lot usually after 2 as the guards are gone for the day. There are 2 guards daily. The beach closes at 5:00. Public works is responsible for cleaning the bathrooms and emptying the trash. There are sometimes 30 people that are already in the lot before the guards get there. It was asked couldn't the guards call the police to have the cars towed but it was the belief that the guards must call Director Pane first as he is their boss. Sal also stated that these issues started when Lighthouse starting charging for parking and the people started to come here. Some people use relatives stickers and they are not asked to produce ID.

Chairwoman Adamczyk then stated that she would send a letter to the Police Department, Director Pan and Public Works to attend a meeting regarding issues down at the beach to get some answers and would get a letter to the Mayor as well to set up a meeting ASAP. She feels bad that unfortunately she can't give answers to people until she can get everyone together.

Lou Anastasio addressed the commission regarding the stipend that was taken from EH Aquatics by the Town Council. He prepared a letter that he sent the Town Council and gave it to the Chairwoman. Chairwoman Adamczyk apologized that he lost the stipend.

Ben Minichino addressed the commission regarding netting at Memorial Field for the balls that come over the fence as he has had 9 windshields on his car broken over the years. He spoke to Kevin White about netting which could alleviate the problem. He was told it was ordered and it would be installed last summer. Winter came and went and then he was informed they had the netting but no money for the poles to install it on. He can't seem to get any satisfaction. Now he has been told that there is no netting but why tell him they had the netting and not begin to put poles up. The Town is getting money from these leagues and teams that use the field and he can't understand why this hasn't been remedied sooner. He thanked the commission for their time and for letting him speak.

Directors Report

No report as Director Pane was not in attendance.

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Old Business

The Foxon Rec Center is still closed as the asbestos bags are still on the roof and only ½ of the work is done. The contractor is looking for money. Chairwoman Adamczyk keeps getting different answers from different people and still no air test has been performed so everything seems to be at a standstill.

New Business

None

There being no other business to come before the commission, a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 was made by Vice-Chair Porto and seconded by Commissioner Tracey. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk