

**TOWN OF DARIEN
PARKS AND RECREATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Mary Flynn, Chair, Amy Doering, Susan Daly, Erika Morris, Lorene Bora, Marc Ioli, Dennis Conetta

STAFF: Pam Gery, Parks & Recreation Director

ABSENT: Mary Louise Morgan, Kevin Webb

OTHERS: Grant Evans, Scoutmaster Troop 53, McGuire Shea, Eagle Scout Candidate, Stephan Schneider, Eagle Scout Candidate, Jen Burgess, Director of DJST

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2015

The following corrections were noted:

Page 2. Delete "DISCUSSION AND TAKE ACTION ON DILLER PROPERTY SURVEY"

Page 2. Add "allowing for the bench at Woodland Park" to the first sentence under Proposal Planting at Tilley Pond-Tree Conservancy of Darien

Page 3, Paragraph 2, add reason why it would be important to work with Ms. Morris regarding this.

Page 3, Before Paragraph 4 Add. "what property Diller heading here.

Page 3, After Paragraph 4, add, "to be surveyed."

Page 3, After Paragraph 5, last sentence, add, "Surveyor" after words Redness & Mead.

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Page 3, Paragraph 8, correct spelling of Ms. Daly's last name and add the word "to" after word approve

Page 3, Paragraph 9 What action was taken needs to be stated.

Page 5, Paragraph 3, add last name to Sarah.

**** MS. DALY MOVED THE OCTOBER 21, 2015 MINUTES AS CORRECTED**

**** MS. FLYNN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION AND TAKE ACTION ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT CHERRY LAWN PARK

Ms. Daly introduced McGuire Shea, a scout from Troop 53. He presented his project: construction of a fence in Cherry Lawn Park. His presentation included an outline of his plan and photos. The purpose is to improve the safety for families, drivers and dogs in the park area. A discussion was held with questions and comments from the Commission.

DISCUSSION AND TAKE ACTION ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT WOODLAND PARK

Ms. Daly introduced Stephan Schneider, a scout from Troop 53. He presented his project: construction of an outdoor classroom (two picnic tables) at Woodland Park. His presentation included an outline of his plan and photos. The purpose is to create an easy place to meet that can be used by many groups in the community. A discussion was held with questions and comments from the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ten residents made comments:

- Lyle Carter-18 Rowland Road
- Stephanie Paul-15 Oakcrest
- Barry McAlister--Robinson Street
- Karen McDonald--105 Brookside
- Leslie Nolte--214 Mansfield Avenue
- Cindy Brown--8 Devon Road
- Patty Baumgartner (RTM, Dist 1)--64 Hanson Road
- Jonathan England--104 Brookside Road
- Peter Doering--101 Brookside Road

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- Grant Evans (Scoutmaster Troop 53)--201 West Avenue

Ms Flynn explained the process about accepting scout proposals, specifically the Cherry Lawn Park project.

Ms. Doering made a statement regarding her position on the matter.

DISCUSSION AND TAKE ACTION ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT CHERRY LAWN PARK (CON'T)

****MS. DOERING MADE A MOTION TO POSTPONE A VOTE ON CHERRY LAWN PARK PROJECT PENDING A DISCUSSION WITH DUE DILIGENCE BY THE TOWN'S DOG COMMITTEE.**

****MS. BORA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION AND TAKE ACTION ON DJST USE OF WEED BEACH PARK FOR 2016 SAILING PROGRAM

Ms. Flynn introduced Jen Burgess, Director of Darien Junior Sailing Training. Ms. Burgess explained her request the use of Weed Beach Park for the 2016 summer season. Members of commission asked questions regarding the Paddle Hut structure.

**** MR. CONETTI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE DJST USING WEED BEACH FOR THE 2016 SAILING PROGRAM.**

****MS DALY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION OF 2016 BUDGET

Ms. Gery explained the members will receive the budget at the December meeting. The current budget was made available to study for line items. Ms. Geri also dispersed a Programs & Revenues proposal to consider regarding hiring two part-time employees for the coming year. A discussion was held on this proposal by the Committee.

REPORTS:

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

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Ms. Gery directed members to the report included in the packet received at tonight's meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION CHAIRMAN REPORT

Ms. Flynn explained there is no report from her tonight.

WEED BEACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Bora reported the Public Meeting went very well. The survey number has reached just under 1800. There are no results yet on the Land Survey (wet lands). Channel 79 has a video clip of the meeting available.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

****MR. CONETTI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. MORRIS.
MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Kronick
Telesco Secretarial Services

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