

**TOWN OF DARIEN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2013**

ATTENDANCE: Jane Branigan, Chair; Susan Daly; Mary Flynn; Andrew Hunter;
Robert Marchesi

STAFF: Susan Swiatek, Director; James Coghlan, Assistant Director

PUBLIC HEARING

**DISCUSS FEES: DARIEN PARKS AND RECREATION FEE SCHEDULE FISCAL
2014**

Ms. Branigan opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. Seeing no members of the public present, she asked for comments from the Commissioners.

The Commissioners said that they were comfortable with the prices. It was suggested holding the February meeting at the paddle court.

There were no further comments and the public hearing was closed.

REGULAR MEETING

**** MR. HUNTER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM
TO THE AGENDA**

**** MS. FLYNN SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. MARCHESI MOVED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO THE
AGENDA**

**** MS. DALY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO COVER
REPAIRS AND RESTORATION DUE TO STORM SANDY**

Ms. Swiatek explained that she is looking for guidance to seek funds to make repairs to both beaches for the upcoming beach season. They made safe work that impacted the operating budget. She said that she has been keeping a runny tally of the actual costs incurred.

Ms. Swiatek said that she is seeking funding for the following:

\$27,000 to reimburse the operating budget

\$91,015 for overtime

\$245,000 capital expenses (\$75,000 of that for the tennis courts)

Ms. Swiatek said that the Board of Selectmen knows about this, but they need a formal request. Ms. Flynn noted that there is the expectation that money will be coming from insurance and FEMA.

**** MR. HUNTER MOVED TO REQUEST FUNDING TO COVER REPAIRS AND RESTORATION DUE TO STORM SANDY AS FOLLOWS:**

○ **\$27,000 TO REIMBURSE THE OPERATING BUDGET**

○ **\$91,015 FOR OVERTIME**

○ **\$245,000 CAPITAL EXPENSES (\$75,000 OF THAT FOR THE TENNIS COURTS)**

**** MS. FLYNN SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Flynn left the meeting at 7:50 p.m. There was no longer a quorum present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2012

There was no action taken this evening.

DISCUSS AND TACK ACTION ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: STONY BROOK PARK

There was no discussion on this item this evening.

REVIEW BUDGET SUBMISSION FY 2014

Ms. Swiatek distributed the budget submission. She said that there are a few changes since the last meeting. The cost to process credit cards will now be applied to the department that processes the credit cards. The Commissioners reviewed the capital improvement plan.

REPORTS:

1. DIRECTOR

Ms. Swiatek said that she had nothing to add to her written report. The request to buy furniture and amenities for Weed Beach was brought to the Board of Selectmen. They approved the request.

2. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Mr. Coghlan reported that the winter programs are down a little. There is some competition with the elementary schools offering programs through their PTOs. Ms. Daly added that Chelsea Piers is also very popular.

Mr. Coghlan said that he is working on the spring/summer brochure. He will be attending the National Recreation and Park Association's Maintenance Management School in Wheeling, VA during the last week of January.

3. CHAIRMAN

Ms. Branigan said that she had nothing to report. She said that she will not be able to attend next month's meeting and asked Mr. Daly to chair that meeting. She said that she is working with the Republican Town Committee to get a replacement for Mr. Goodyear.

4. SUB-COMMITTEES

There was no report this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present this evening.

ADJOURN MEETING

**** MS. DALY MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MR. MARCHESI SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting February 13, 2013, 7:30 p.m. room 119, Darien Town Hall