



Board of Parks & Recreation

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2009

Board Attendees: Richard Wellington, John Craine, Nancy Caplan, Scott Johnson, Robert Oca and Will Dunster

Staff Attendees: Joseph Siciliano, Tom Greco, and David D'Andrea

Guest Attendees: Toni Wyman and Sue Baker

Not Attending: Rick Capozza, and Winston Robinson

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. **Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the Minutes of the December, 17, 2008 Meeting, 6-0-0.**

III. Chairman's Report, Ric Wellington

Mr. Wellington distributed and reviewed the listing of Board assignments.

Mr. Wellington announced that a new Chair and Vice Chair for the Board will be appointed at the February 25, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Wellington called for nominations for Vice Chair, Mr. Dunster answered the call.

Mr. Wellington reported there is a meeting scheduled for February 19th on the final site approval for the Cos Cob Power Plant. There is a recommendation to remove the low level lighting around the walkway and discussions about the remaining athletic fields.

Mr. Wellington stated he, Mr. Oca and Mr. Johnson made arrangements to meet with key members of the EGCC Committee.

Mr. Wellington announced there will be a Public Hearing on the POCD on Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

IV. Director's Report, Joseph Siciliano

Mr. Siciliano distributed the staff minutes from the P&Z meetings from the initial site plan approval. Mr. Siciliano reviewed the outlined items that have to be addressed before the February 19th P&Z Meeting.

Mr. Siciliano expressed his concerns regarding the internal park lighting and the need for a regulation size field.

Mr. Siciliano suggested field users come and express their interest.

Upon extensive discussion, the following resolution was adopted...

RESOLVED, that the Board of Parks and Recreation recommends the Department of Public Works plans for the development of the Cos Cob Power Plant Park as presented at the January 21, 2009 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and reinforces their full support for the plan without modification. 6-0-0

Mr. Siciliano reported Mr. Spaman sent a notice to local groups inviting them to meetings concerning each of the formal parks.

Mr. Siciliano reported there is \$750,000 in the capital budget for roof repairs at the EGCC. There is a potential that the building may be closed in the near future, if the repairs are not made. Comments have been made that the building should be closed due to the economic climate.

Mr. Siciliano announced the department is putting together a report that covers the historical data, DPW roof maintenance, and program statistics.

Upon extensive discussion, the following motion made by Mr. Oca, seconded by Ms. Caplan was approved...

RESOLVED, that the Board of Recreation recommends that necessary steps be taken in order to maintain the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Road, Old Greenwich in a safe and sound manner for the residents of Greenwich. 6-0-0

V. Committee Reports

Hamill Rink, Nancy Caplan

Ms. Caplan reported the committee was formed to study and assess the current condition of the Dorothy Hamill Rink, the current and anticipated demand for ice time and make recommendations to the Board of Parks and Recreation. Below is the timeline for the committee:

Jan-Formalize charge and present to the Board of P&R
Feb-Establish committee/hold first meeting
March-April-Assess current conditions of Rink
May-Assess current demand
June-July-Assess alternatives, identify short-term fix
Sept-Oct- Identify long-term recommendations

Coastal Resources Committee, John Craine

Mr. Craine distributed the outline for the Steadman report currently in progress. The report is moving forward on schedule.

Mr. Craine reported he is working closely with the Harbormaster, Jonathan Asch on mooring regulations.

Budget Update, Tom Greco

Mr. Greco distributed and reviewed the 2009-2010 departmental budget.

Charter Review Committee, Robert Oca

Mr. Oca announced the committee will meet before the February Board meeting; recommendations will be presented at the February Board meeting.

Mr. Oca called for any nominations for Chair; Mr. Wellington will be stepping down in February.

VII. Unfinished Business

Mr. Oca expressed, with regret Diane Wren's resignation from the Board and acknowledged her contributions. Mr. Wellington added she was a very valuable member to the Board and will be missed.

VIII. New Business

IX. Public Comment

None

X. Motion to adjourn unanimously approved at 8:30 pm.