

MINUTES OF MEETING

Longbrook Park Commission

March 28, 2007

The Longbrook Park Commission conducted the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 in room 217 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

PRESIDING: Temporary Chairman William Stroomer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Council Member William Stroomer, Electorate Members Rose Ippolito, John Fahan, James McGuire and Joseph Sorrentino

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Gavin Forrester

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Resident Robert Lombard, Supt. Of Parks Phil Handy

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of February 28, 2007. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SORRENTINO SECONDED BY MR. FAHAN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND UPDATES — The following issues were presented to the Parks Superintendent:
 - Lock on the fence to the field was left open all weekend as the team that was to practice there never arrived to relock it.
 - Sandbags were replaced.
 - Broken glass near Beers Place.
 - Leaves covering the steps near Glendale
3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
 - It was requested that, when installing the benches, face them toward the playground area.
 - The Proposals for Longbrook Park projects will be returned by April 3. This Commission will review them.
4. APRIL 22ND – EARTH DAY – SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT
 - “Friends” and area residents will go forward with Park clean up on April 22 from approx. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mr. Fahan will contact Home Depot for donations of rakes and/or garbage bags. Plantings area near Post Office (Hurd Ave.) needs improvement. Mr. Handy instructed committee to leave garbage bags by the parking area and pile up the branches separately at the conclusion of clean up day. Branches will be chipped up.
 - Project Greensweep will take place the same date as last year.
5. FRIENDS OF LONGBROOK
 - To promote “Friends” and encourage new membership, a raised advertising banner or flyers will be circulated during the April 22nd clean up.

FRIENDS OF LONGBROOK — continued

- Mr. Fahan reported an excellent organizational meeting of Friends was held March 13. A resident who was present that evening volunteered to conduct Nature Walks.

6. CRIME WATCH

Mr. Stroomer forwarded a copy of a letter to Commission members from retired Police Detective and Crime Watch President, Jack Cratty. Mr. Cratty will attend the next meeting to discuss various criminal activities and nuisance type crimes along with strategies to address these issues occurring in and around Longbrook Park.

Mr. Sorrentino will identify areas around the park where additional lighting is needed. Mr. Stroomer will forward that proposed list to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

7. NEW BUSINESS — The following was discussed:

- Renting of Border Collies to curb water fowl
- Erecting “No feeding of Waterfowl” signs
- Fines for feeding of waterfowl
- Dog droppings
- Mr. Lombard’s proposal for the commercial goose repellent product - “Migrate”. The geese and ducks will find treated area unpalatable and will leave. The product is easy to apply, rain and water will not wash it off, and it will not harm people, animals, ducks or geese. The approx. cost is \$231.00. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SORRENTINO SECONDED BY MR. FAHAN TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL AND PRESENT IT FOR ACTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no further business, temporary Chairman Stroomer entertained a motion to adjourn. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SORRENTINO, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Cabral, Secretary