

MINUTES OF MEETING

Longbrook Park Commission

April 25, 2007

The Longbrook Park Commission conducted the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 in room 217 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

PRESIDING: Council Member Gavin Forrester

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Resident Robert Lombard, Mayor James Miron

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED DURING MEETING:

- List of maintenance items for Brewster Pond – submitted by Mr. Lombard

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of March 28, 2007. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND UPDATES — The following issues were discussed:

- Paint “Do not feed wildlife” on black top sidewalk around pond.
- Remove fence from race way, causing cellars to flood.
- Clean swing gates on intakes and locks to be installed so kids will not go inside storm drain pipes.
- Clean sand out of raceways and catch basin leading to pond.
- Clean out detention area in pond.
- Clean out intakes to pond.
- Order chem. To treat grass area around pond to get rid of geese.
- Contact Aquatic Control Technology, Inc. to set up date to treat pond.
- Request for proposal or bid for the dredging of lower pond.
- Install racing marks, balls, in pond to get rid of geese.

Mr. Stroomer pointed out, showing photos, that the fencing on the intakes collected debris during the most recent Nor’easter. He cleaned the debris away, which decreased the backup and flooding in a short time.

The installation of geese repellent inflatable balloons and racing markers in pond was discussed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SORRENTINO SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE TO NOT PLACE THE INFLATABLE BALLOONS/RACING MARKERS IN THE POND. THE MOTION PASSED 6 TO 0.

The discussion continued re: The lack of need for the racing markers and less obtrusive, aesthetically acceptable inflatable balloons in the pond.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND UPDATES — continued

Mayor Miron reported the following maintenance issues:

- No one responded to the initial RFQ for dredging the pond. The amended date for further RFQs is May 10.
- The bridge area needs re-engineering as well as masonry work.
- Mr. McCann will be contacted to see if the pond will be treated.
- Chemical agent for the lawn to repel geese. The group “Geese Peace” will be invited to a Commission meeting.
- Utilization of Border Collies for geese control.
- Metal signs “Do Not Feed Geese” will be erected at entrances to the park. Messrs. Forrester and Stroomer, along with other Commission members, will walk through the park to identify the sites for the signs.

Mr. Sorrentino pointed out that the walkway around the upper pond needs to be expanded with blacktop. Mr. Stroomer requested that the cement slabs that house the trash containers be painted green. Mr. Forrester asked to borrow keys to the restrooms for the May 19 project Greensweep Park clean up.

3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS — No business furnished.

4. NEWSLETTER — Project Greensweep will be conducted Saturday, May 19 with rally to commence at Town Hall at 9:00 a.m.

5. FRIENDS OF LONGBROOK

Mr. Fahan reported the success of the Park clean up on April 22, Earthday. At that time, a banner was displayed. The group is exploring fund-raising efforts and increasing public awareness. He inquired if the field house had any damage from the Nor'easter.

Mr. Stroomer reported that the results of Parks and Recreation Survey indicated that Stratford residents have a primary concern with the conditions of Town parks.

6. CRIME WATCH — Crime Watch President, Jack Cratty will reschedule the discussion.

7. NEW BUSINESS — The following was discussed:

- Next month – review the variety of markers available for the pond.
- Removal of the legs of the memorial bench that broke last year.
- Replacement benches to be consistent throughout all Stratford parks.

8. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no further business, Chairman Forrester entertained a motion to adjourn. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MCGUIRE, SECONDED BY MR. SORRENTINO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary