

MINUTES OF MEETING

Longbrook Park Commission

May 23, 2007

The Longbrook Park Commission conducted the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 in room 217 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 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: Mayoral Assistant Kent Miller, Conservation Officer William McCann, Ret. Det. John Cratty, Det. Brian Budd, Town Engineer John Casey

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED DURING MEETING:

- Request for Proposal of Longbrook Park Improvements – submitted by J. Casey

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of April 25, 2007. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER SECONDED BY MR. SORRENTINO TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Longbrook Park Commission Meeting proceeded in the order as follows:

6. CRIME WATCH

Det. And Stratford Crime Watch President Cratty presented a brief overview and history of Stratford Crime Watch. Det. Budd referred to Crime watch involvements, particularly incident at Wooster Park and its progress. He pointed out the effectiveness of marked and unmarked police patrol cars. He stated that there is no longer foot patrol of bicycle patrol. They said that a community resources officer is in the proposed budget.

Commission members expressed concern that police are not dispatching officers to park and park area when called. They are reasonably certain that drug activity exists as paraphernalia was discovered during park clean up day. Liquor bottles were found as well.

A Crime Watch meeting, beginning with “Friends of Longbrook Park” database, will be organized tentatively June 14 in Council Chambers of Town Hall. Mr. Cratty’s website: crimewatchstfd.org.

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

- Pond Treatment
- Grate that clogs flow to stream needs to be removed.
- Set of pipes needs to be removed.
- Old bedding needs to be removed.
- New bedding that houses Garbage receptacles needs to be painted green.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND UPDATES — continued

- Replace “Do not feed water fowl” signage.
- Registering a complaint On-line re: townofstratford.com
- Disposition of hazardous waste found/abandoned in the park.
- Date for opening of Wading Pool.

3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Two proposal were received from design firms for Longbrook Park improvements: Milone and MacBroom - \$69,000 and TO Design - \$29,000. A special meeting for interviews of the two firms will be conducted May 31 in Council Chambers.

A map of the park will be enlarged and plasticized.

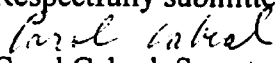
4. NEWSLETTER — No new business.

5. FRIENDS OF LONGBROOK

Mr. and Mrs. Fahan discussed fund raising. Signage space and zoning issues were also discussed.

7. NEW BUSINESS — The \$10,000 that survived from the budget can be used for historical designation.

8. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no further business, Chairman Forrester entertained a motion to adjourn. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. STROOMER, SECONDED BY MR. SORRENTINO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary