

City of Middletown
Parks & Recreation Department
100 Riverview Center
Suite 140
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

Parks & Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2011
Held at the Recreation Department Office at 100 Riverview Center

Present: Commissioners Gerry Winzer, Tom D'Aquila, Tony Jaskot, Dan Drew and Sheila Jones. Director Raymond Santostefano and Superintendent John Milardo representing the Parks and Recreation Department.

Absent: Commissioner Romano. Commissioner Pessina arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Call: Chairman Winzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, in the main room of the Recreation Office, at 100 Riverview Center, Suite 140.

Public Hearing: Phil Cacciola, Consumer Protection & Weights & Measures ADA Coordinator, spoke about Palmer Field and the State American Legion Tournament. He stated that if the City of Middletown agreed to host thirteen (13) baseball games over the period of Saturday, July 23 – Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per game, the American Legion committee would award that part of this summer's tournament to Middletown.

Mike Pitruzzello, Director of Athletics for the City of Middletown spoke about Xavier High School using the docks for crew usage. This issue could not be discussed fully because it was not on the "Special Meeting" agenda.

Wendy Sheil, Middletown High School crew coach, clarified Mike Pitruzzello's concerns regarding scheduling of the different Middletown schools utilizing the docks.

Fred Balsamo, CIAC Executive Director, thanked everyone for hosting the meeting and then began to speak in detail about the CIAC. He also specified where the monies are distributed.

Director Santostefano advised Mr. Balsamo that the CIAC games would only be getting a maximum of one (1) employee from the Parks Division at Palmer Field and not the tournament work force of approximately three (3) employees. This is standard operating procedure.

Motion: Commissioner Pessina made a motion to accept the following fee schedule pertaining to the CIAC games that will be held at Palmer Field. Commissioner Drew seconded the motion.

Weekday (day) per game - \$250.00
Weekday (night) per game - \$350.00
Weekend (day) per game - \$350.00
Weekend (night) per game - \$450.00
Double Header (anytime) per game - \$650.00

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion: The Commissioners discussed ordinance 214-38A, prior to the following motion. The intent was to revert to the old ordinance language, which allowed the Parks and Recreation Commission to negotiate only for tournaments.

Motion: Commissioner Drew made a motion to refer ordinance 214-38A to the Ordinance Study Committee to enable the Parks and Recreation Commission to negotiate fees for the use of Palmer Field and to express the intention of the Parks and Recreation Commission contingent upon approval of the revision of ordinance 214-38A by the Common Council to accept the fee schedule proposed by the American Legion of thirteen (13) games at a rate of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per game for the 2011 American Legion tournament. Commissioner Pessina seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Commissioner D'Aquila made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Pessina. It was a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori A. Marcati

cc Mayor Sebastian Giuliano