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## Wethersfield Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - July 22, 2004

The Advisory Recreation and Parks Board was called to order by Chairperson Richard Dobmeier at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Manager's conference room at the Town Hall.

Members present were Chairperson Dobmeier, Thomas Ragonese, Jackie Pentalow, Charles Wood, Richard Lepore, Peter Kalousdian and Kathleen Bagley, Director, Recreation and Parks Department.

Chairperson Dobmeier welcomed Charles Wood back to the Board meeting and thanked him, once again, for his interest in serving on the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.

### A. Public Comments.

Craig MacGovern spoke to the Board regarding a program he is running this fall. This program will be a flag football program for children 12 to 13 years old. He will have four teams and charge them a \$50 team fee. He requested permission from the Board to waive the field permit fee for his football program at Charles Wright School. He spoke with Marty Sitler, Recreation Supervisor, who informed him that Charles Wright could be used for his flag football on Tuesday and Thursday nights. However, there is a fee for the use of the field. Mr. MacGovern asked the Board members to waive the fee. He explained that this flag football program is through the NFL's program. It will be five on five teams with a field of 70 x 30 yards. This program will encourage the skill positions and it has a running clock. He is looking to have a minimum of eight children per team with a total of 22 players. He will be getting his own insurance for this program and will have the town listed as a co-insured on the policy. Ms. Bagley reported that she had not yet spoken with Marty Sitler, but the field was probably available at Charles Wright School and she would not have a problem with the Board waiving the permit fee for the use of the field. The permit fee was not meant to charge children from town. A motion was made by Richard Lepore and seconded by Charles Wood to waive the field permit fee for the flag football program for children ages 12 and 13. The motion was approved unanimously.

### B. Minutes.

Thomas Ragonese moved to approve the [minutes of June 24, 2004](#), meeting. The motion was seconded by Jackie Pentalow and voted unanimously.

### C. Monthly Report.

The monthly report was discussed and accepted.

### D. Letters and Announcements.

1. Ms. Bagley reported that the Teen Theater production of "Babes in Arms" would be held this evening and July 23 and July 24 at 7:00 p.m. and a Saturday matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. After the Board meeting, Ms. Bagley was going to the show.
2. Ms. Bagley reported that Nature Center Director, Laura Briggs, resigned her position. The town will be in the process of hiring a new Nature Center Director.

### E. Old Business.

#### 1. Mill Woods Master Plan - Referendum Question.

Ms. Bagley referred to the handout distributed in the packet. She explained that this report was given to the Town Council as they reviewed a possible referendum question on capital improvements for the November ballot 2004. They are considering putting in some dollars under the referendum question for the Mill Woods Master Plan. The report provides a breakdown of the 4.1 million dollars in Phase I. Charles Woods asked Ms. Bagley to look into the items included in the project costs and also the escalation factor. Ms. Bagley will look into this issue. She will keep the Board posted on the Town Council's review of the capital projects for potential referendum questions.

#### 2. Moeller Home Update.

Peter Kalousdian reported that the Committee is ready to go out to bid for the asbestos removal at the Moeller Home and for the major renovation work.

#### 3. Skate Park Update.

Ms. Bagley reported that they are awaiting news on a state grant. They need the state grant to help them fund the project.

F. New Business.

1. Electricity in the Cove.

Richard Lepore asked about the electricity in the Cove for concerts. The first concert had a problem with the electricity. Ms. Bagley reported that they have contacted the remaining bands to make sure there will be no more future problems and will be looking at ways to upgrade the electricity in the park.

2. Advertising on Ballfield Fences.

Ms. Bagley reported they have not gotten information yet on other towns and their policies for advertising on ballfield fences.

3. Cottone Field.

Ms. Bagley reported that the construction work at Cottone Field is on schedule and they are still looking to have the field available for play in the fall season.

G. Adjournment.

Thomas Ragonese moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Richard Lepore and voted unanimously.