

# **Franklin Recreation Commission**

## **Minutes of March 14, 2017 Special Meeting**

\* Meeting called to order by Chairman Jacksin, 7:30 PM

\* Visitors,

\* Kevin Erikson, For the Love of the Game, Kevin requested use of Giddings Park, specifically the two small diamond fields, bathrooms and pavilion, for a baseball clinic to be held the week of July 30-August 3. Hours would be 8:30-12:00, plus clean-up time. Further they would like to store their equipment in one of the buildings each overnight rather than packing and unpacking each day, A brief discussion was held recognizing the history of the clinic over the years and then Rich H put forth a motion to approve the usage requested contingent on the receipt of a valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Franklin as an additionally insured, The Motion was seconded by Jeff R and passed without further discussion or dissent.

\* Jeff Glidden, Franklin Lions Club, Jeff requested the usage of Giddings Park and the running trails for the weekend of August 18-19, 2018 for the annual Mud Run. Jeff turned in a COI that encompasses those dates and naming the Town of Franklin as an additionally Insured. There was a very brief discussion before Pat J put forth a Motion to approve the usage as requested. This was seconded by Jeff R and passed without further discussion or dissent.

\* Minutes from the December 6 2017 meeting were distributed. Pat J motioned to accept the minutes as presented. This Motion was seconded by Lee J and passed without further discussion or dissent.

\* Treasurers Report – Not Available (again)

\* Rich H did share that as was authorized in the December Meeting he had submitted the 2018-2019 Budget Request. He had also advised the First Selectman that additional CIP items would follow. Although we cannot discuss or advance such items tonight, please come prepared to do so in the April Meeting.

\* Additions to Agenda – None

\* Old Business

\* None

\* New Business

\* The members welcomed Mr. Rex Altomore who had been appointed to the Commission in December and was attending his first meeting.

\* Rich H presented a letter from the Franklin Elementary School (FES) PTO requesting the usage of the Giddings Park pavilion and running trails in order to hold a 5K run on May 5<sup>th</sup>. After some discussion about the need to inspect the trails in mid-April for downed branches/trees and washouts etc., a Motion was put forth by Lee J to approve the activity as requested. This Motion was seconded by Rich H and passed without further discussion or dissent,

\* Rich H put forth a request from the FES Second Grade Class who want to build and place a Free Library in Giddings Park near the pavilion. Pictures of examples of such

Libraries were shown to those who were unfamiliar with the concept. After some discussion about placement, for mowing and safety, and maintenance concerns a Motion to approve the project was put forth by Rich H. This Motion was seconded by Lee J and passed unanimously without any additional discussion.

\* Rich H presented a letter from the SSFC Little League requesting use of the field and facilities in Giddings Park for the 2018 Little League Season. The request was accompanied by a COI naming the Town of Franklin as an additionally insured and with effective dates that encompass the entire season. A Motion to approve the request was put forth by Lee J and seconded by Rich H. Without further discussion the Motion passed unanimously.

\* Rich H presented a letter from the CT Bombers Softball Association, accompanied by a COI naming the Town of Franklin and its Boards and Commissions as additionally Insured parties, requesting the usage of the facilities at Giddings Park for practices, tournament (May 19 & 20, June 16 & 17, and August 4 & 5) as well as weekends from Labor Day through October for a Fall-Ball League. Pat J put forth a Motion to approve the usages as requested. This Motion was seconded by Jeff R. The Motion was approved unanimously without further discussion.

\* Rich H put forth a request by the AHF for Softball practices and games to be held on Volunteer Field in Giddings Park. Rich also informed the Commission that this will be the last year for ANY athletics at the AHF as they are all being discontinued. Jeff R put forth a Motion to approve the usage as requested contingent on the receipt of a proper COI naming the Town of Franklin. Rich H seconded the Motion which then passed without further discussion or dissent.

\* Safety Issues:

- \* The two remaining “sick trees” near the playground & pavilion in Giddings Park
- \* Tennis court surface

\* Correspondence

- \* None of any importance

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Lee J seconded by Jeff R – motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Attendees; Pat Jacksin, Rich Hiscox, Jeff Rathbun, Lee Johnson and Rex Altomore

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