

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes of the July 16, 2008 Regular Meeting

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on July 16, 2008, 10th Floor Conference Room, Stamford Government Center.

In attendance were:

Commissioners: Thomas Lombardo
 Vincent Martino
 Tim McGuinness

Staff: Laurie Albano
 Mickey Docimo
 Joseph Barbarotta
 Joe Falzone

Guests: Jennifer Larsen – Skate Park

 Art Layton – Dog Park

 Kelly Aronica – Girl Scouts

 Sheila Barney – South End NRZ

 Fritz Blau – South End NRZ

 Diane Camara – Grupo Esporao

 Laura Coppola – Grace Evangelical Free Church

 Todd Lindvall – SCA Courtyard by Marriott

 Marie Stobbie – Gazebo at Gurley Park

 Loretta Gerus – Gazebo at Gurley Park

 Charles Stobbie – Gazebo at Gurley Park

 Capt. Henry E, Marx – Stamford Sailing Foundation

 Skip Raymond – Stamford Sailing Foundation

 Margaret S. – Stamford Sailing Foundation

Johnna Paradis – Waterside Coalition
Ben Velishka – Waterside Coalition
Christian Gerbert – Waterside Coalition
Frank Colandro – Waterside Coalition
Linda Preybylek – Waterside Coalition
Rita Lahey – Waterside Coalition
Dora Favono – Waterside Coalition
Richard Thomas – Waterside Coalition
Mike Papa – Resident
Ellen O’Neill – Keep Stamford Beautiful
David Winston – Resident
Ginger Winston – Resident
Maureen Carson – Shippan Point Garden Club
Penney Burnett – Shippan Point Garden Club
Michelle Palazzo – Bennett Cancer Center
Robert Zmarzlak – North Stamford Little League
Steven Lubowitz – North Stamford Little League
Rodrigue Anilus – Association Light and Life
Joe Coppola – City Representative
Wynne Parry – The Stamford Advocate

Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Smith did not attend the meeting.

Commissioner McGuinness arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Staff Reports started at 6:30 p.m. until a quorum was established.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Thomas Lombardo – A quorum was present.

Review of April, May and June 2008 Minutes.

Review of April, May and June 2008 Minutes will be postponed to next meeting.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Larsen – Skate Park Manager

- Mr. Docimo introduced Ms. Larsen, Skate Park Manager to the Commission.
- Ms. Larsen started around the second week in May, we started off with soft enforcement and have increased the enforcement little by little as we go. Ms. Larsen is not a full time Manager at the Skate Park due to budget reasons. Ms. Larsen works prime hours, about 25 hours a week. During the summer Ms. Larsen has an assistant to help her supervise the park.
- Ms. Larsen stated that she is very pleased with the Skate Park, the kids are thrilled to be there and for the most part they are more than happy to follow the rules, some kids are not, but they are as long as someone is there to push the helmet rule.
- There are a lot of adults using the Skate Park and they push the helmet rule.
- People have approached Ms. Larsen about having small events at the Skate Park that will attract about 30 people. Also, Utopia (skate shop in Norwalk, CT) has offered to come and do an event at the Skate Park.

Mr. Lombardo told Ms. Larsen that a written proposal needs to be sent to the Commission so that they can discuss it and reach a decision at one of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings.

- Ms. Larsen stated that once in a while there are some injuries. Most recently while Ms. Larsen was not at the Skate Park, the Parks Police informed her that a person that was told to wear a helmet took it off after they left; this person fell and while trying to protect his head he broke his forearm.
- Mr. Docimo stated that we had our first major incident of graffiti at the Skate Park overnight Friday night. The park was closed for a couple of mornings to get it out. People have been informed that if this happens again the park will be closed for a week. Ms. Larsen stated that she doesn't feel that the skaters were involved in this incident.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion move Representative Art Layton ahead on the Agenda.

Seconded by Mr. Martino

Unanimously Approved

Representative Art Layton – Dog Park.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve the footprint of the new Dog Park starting at the fence post at the end of the Lines and Signs Building, across the rough grass to the fourth fence post down from the big tree.

Seconded by Mr. Martino

Unanimously Approved

Mickey Docimo – Parks and Recreation/Operations

- Night concerts at Scalzi Park on Monday nights are very busy.
- We had our first major incident of graffiti at the Skate Park.
- The number of Beach Permits sold has gone up.
- The number of tickets given has gone up.
- The Fireworks were very successful; the traffic was cleared quicker than in previous years.
- The Parks Police have been assigned to an on duty Supervisor at the Police Department, his name is Sgt. Paul Vaccaro. Mr. Docimo is still in charge of the Park Police's budget and their schedule. Mr. Docimo is very happy with the way they are performing.
- We have early morning Dog Patrol at the beaches.
- Mr. Docimo is happy with the Skate Park but stated that more coverage is needed.

Joseph Barbarotta – Parks Maintenance

- Parks are very busy.
- There has been a lot of activity at the fields. There has been Baseball Tournaments at Cubeta, Troy's two Little Leagues (National and Leone), Springdale and Chestnut Hill.

- We are cleaning the beaches on a daily basis. It was a great asset to buy the beach cleaner which minimized our overtime to two hours a day.
- Carwin Park looks great; the water feature is very popular.
- The Board of Education is paying to put a small playground at K.T. Murphy.
- Mr. Barbarotta stated that we have an outside vendor that comes and inspects our playground equipment; if they find a problem our guys make the necessary repairs.
- We received a \$100,000 Grant to install a new playground at Springdale School this fall.
- Lights at Cummings Park will be replaced in September 2008. We are working with Musco Lighting on this project.
- Mr. Barbarotta stated that the islands in the parking lot at Cove Island Park look great thanks to Ellen O'Neill from Keep Stamford Beautiful and David and Ginger Winston.

Laurie Albano – Recreation

- All of our camps and activity programs are underway, taking care over 1,500 kids.
- We had some vandalism at the Barrett Camp Park Site.
- A child had to be removed from Westover Camp after attempts to control his behavior issues were unsuccessful.
- Lifeguards are doing great.
- Scalzi Concerts have started, we had two already and there are four more to go. Ms. Albano reported that the night of the first concert the park was overcrowded, people are bringing their own volleyball nets and there were five volleyball nets going on by the concert area. Ms. Albano informed the people that were playing volleyball that Monday nights are concert nights.
- We have already started on our fall plans for the Fall Recreation Season.
- Ms. Albano still waiting to get the contract back for the Recreation Center Study from the Legal Department.
- Bids for the new Recreation Software will open next week.

Donations

There were no donations.

Special Events

Kelly Aronica – Annual Sleepover of CT Girl Scouts – Cove Island Park – Starting at 5:00 p.m. on September 19, 2008 to 12:00 Noon on September 21, 2008.

Mrs. Aronica stated that last year they had 400 people total, 280 Girl Scouts and a little over 100 adults. About 30% were Stamford residents; Mr. Lombardo stated that this is a very low percentage.

Mr. Martino made a motion to approve Annual Sleepover of CT Girl Scouts for Stamford residents ONLY.

Camp fires are not allowed.

Seconded by all

YES: Vincent Martino
Tim McGuinness
Thomas Lombardo

Rodrigue Anilus – Association Light and Life – Use of Jackie Robinson Park for Evangelical Crusade – Sunday, August 24, 2008 to Sunday, August 31, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – 400 Adults and 100 Children.

- Mr. Lombardo stated that eight days cannot be approved because it is too much on the wear and tear of the field; the Commission is willing to approve 6 days.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve only six days for the use of Jackie Robinson Park. Mr. Anilus will get back to the Staff with the exact six days he would like to use. There will be no amplified music and no microphones.

Seconded by Mr. Martino

Unanimously Approved

Sheila Barney – South End NRZ – Use of Kosciuszko Park for Motorcycle – Hot Rod Show. Saturday, August 2, 2008 – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Mr. Fritz Blau from the South End NRZ stated that they would like to come up with a Fund Raiser for the South End NRZ and in conjunction with the Fund Raiser they are trying to develop some scholarship programs.
- The South End NRZ would like to have a Motorcycle – Hot Rod Show at Kosciuszko Park, they would like to park the motorcycles and the cars on the

gravel parking lot.

Mr. Docimo feels that there will not be enough parking for 500 adults at Kosciuszko Park.

- Mr. Blau thinks that they will not have as many people as they originally expected. They might be able to use Pitney Bowes parking.
- Advertising in the parks is not allowed.
- Mr. Lombardo stated that they will require Police enforcement, they will also incur expenses with the dumpster, electricity and permit fee.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve with a limit of up to 300 attendees with a cap of 100 vehicles that can participate, contingent upon park schedule.

Seconded by Mr. Martino

Unanimously Approved

Landon Reezor – Encounter Church – Use of Scalzi Park – Front Open Area Near Volleyball Pit for Free Family Festival. Friday, August 1, 2008 – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – 50 Adults and 50 Children.

Tabled to the August 2008 Commission Meeting. No representative was present.

Diane Camara – Grupo de Capoeira Esporao – Use of Columbus Park for Martial Art Demonstration – July 24th, July 31st, August 1st and August 8th, 2008 – 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

No motion. No support for this event.

Grace Evangelical Free Church – Use of Beach Area or Any Part of Cove Island for Church Service/Baptism – Sunday, July 20, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – 60 Adults and 20 Children.

Mr. Lombardo stated that the Commission is not ready to vote on this event first they need to discuss it with Corporation Counsel. The Commission does not want to endorse a religious service and they would not want to prohibit the practice of religion.

Mr. Lombardo asked Ms. Laura Coppola to put their request in writing and sent to him so he can call Corporation Counsel ask for their opinion.

Item was tabled to the August 2008 Commission Meeting.

Todd Lindvall – Use of Columbus Park for Stamford Center for the Arts – Charity Fundraiser Concert – Saturday, August 16, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Martino made a motion to approve.

No advertising is allowed in the park.

Seconded by Mr. McGuinness

Unanimously Approved

Old Business

Charles Stobbie – Cove Neighborhood Association – Request for Approval for a Gazebo to be Added to Gurley Park Located at Weed Avenue and East Main Street.

- Mr. Lombardo stated that the two precedents that the Commission has for permitting something of this sort is the gazebo that was accepted as gift in Mill River Park and the National Heritage Display under glass in Veterans' Park; both of which have been issues that have come before the Commission innumerable times.
- Mr. Lombardo stated that the Commission has a level of comfort with an approval provided that insurance is taken out by the Neighborhood Association and kept current. The Neighborhood Association will be responsible for making any repairs and the person who will dictate the repairs that will be needed will be the Staff, either the Bureau Chief or his designee.
- Ms. Loretta Gerus stated that if someone sprays graffiti on the gazebo that they can't cover with paint or sand it and paint it, the manufacturer will give them the part to replace it.
- Mr. Docimo stated that he is concerned with the location in terms of what would happen to the gazebo.
- Mr. Lombardo stated that after an agreement is signed by the City and the Cove Neighborhood Association, if the gazebo is not repaired, the City will have the right to remove it.
- Ms. Loretta Gerus stated that Risk Management sent her an e-mail saying that the Cove Neighborhood Association needs to make sure that the people installing the gazebo are fully insured, then the City will put it in their insurance, because that is what they do with everything that is on park property.

- Mr. Docimo is concerned that the City is going to be responsible for something we are putting in an area that he doesn't agree with, not because he doesn't believe it is a good idea, but because of the location. Mr. Lombardo stated that the Commission shares Mr. Docimo's concern.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve with the stipulations that the Cove Neighborhood Association is responsible for the insurance and keeping it current. They will also be responsible for the upkeep of the gazebo and oversight by Parks and Recreation Superintendent.

Seconded by Mr. Martino

Unanimously Approved

Skip Raymond – Stamford Sailing Foundation – Southfield Park Site.

- Ms. Johnna Paradis from the Waterside Coalition stated that she spoke to Director Barnes and he told her that there is no new lease for the Stamford Sailing Foundation.
- Captain Henry Marx stated that the Stamford Sailing Foundation has a 50 year lease with the City of Stamford to set up a sailing facility for the Stamford Sailing Foundation Bluewater Bound Program at Southfield Park. The extension of the lease was granted last November in a meeting with Ben Barnes' Office; Mr. Velishka was present at this meeting.
- The Stamford Sailing Foundation has hired a Land Study Firm to help them find out how to properly build a building in that location, that work will be done this fall.
- Ms. Paradis stated that it was her understanding that the lease was contingent that Southfield Park was an interim spot.

Captain Marx stated that the Stamford Sailing Foundation was granted by the City and was extended last November in a meeting with Ben Barnes, it was suggested that until they raise the funds to build the proper building at the leased location that they were permitted to put two construction trailers up on the hill. The Stamford Sailing Foundation needs to raise 2 or 3 million dollars to build this building properly. At this time Mr. Barnes said that the Sailing Foundation was given an extension which was somewhat indefinite.

- Mr. Ben Velishka from the Waterside Coalition stated that he has a copy of the signed lease. The lease stated that the Stamford Water Foundation had a three year lease for portable storage areas. Mr. Velishka stated that the extension that Capt. Marx mentioned was only a verbal extension and nothing has been put in writing.

- Mr. Lombardo stated that the Commission was not notified of the meeting, and they will talk to Mr. Barnes.
- Captain Marx requested a list of the Directors and Officers from the Waterside Coalition.
- Ms. Paradis stated that they are in the middle of switching some of their Board members and once they have their formal meeting which is next Thursday and everyone gets sworn in, they will provide a new list.
- Ms. Paradis stated that the position of the two trailers is using valuable park space and it is an eyesore. The trailers were not supposed to be there for this long.
- Mr. Lombardo suggested that the trailers be moved to where the new building will be constructed.

Mr. Barbarotta stated that this is a wet area and is not sure if they will need DEP permit to put a temporary structure in that area.

- Ms. Paradis complaint that the boat pen is also using park space. Mr. Lombardo asked if it was possible to move the boat pen to the area where they are going to build.

Captain Marx said no because of the guardrails and the kids will have to take boats back and forth across the parking lot to get them in the water.

Captain Marx stated that they met with the Waterside Coalition in the past to discuss where the boat pen should go. There were a couple of options, but they never agreed to anything; the Waterside Coalition never told the Stamford Sailing Foundation where they wanted the boat pen to go. Mr. Velishka stated that the lease describes where those amenities are supposed to go. Mr. Raymond stated that temporary facilities such as the boat pen are not under the 50 year lease and that they have a permit from the City to put the boat pen in the location it is at right now.

- Mr. Lombardo stated that he recalls the discussion and the approval where the trailers would go; they would have to be temporary and would be removed in November or December of 2007.
- Mr. Raymond thanked the City for giving them the lease and helping them with temporary sites. They paid a Donation Fundraiser Planner to help them on what they have to do. They had a Financial Manager come and tell them what to do with their money; they were very surprised that the cost of the building which they estimated to be 1.5 million dollars it's going to be close to

4 or 5 million dollars.

- Mr. Velishka stated that on page 22, number 32 of the lease it reads that “Prior to and during the construction of the building and/or other improvements upon the demised premises, the Lessee shall be entitled to place on the demised premises, in Lease Area “A”, a portable classroom not larger than 1,000 square feet, for the purpose of enabling the Lessee to conduct the Programs at the earliest possible time. The design and placement of such portable classroom must be approved in writing by the City’s Director of Operations prior to installation. In no event shall the portable classroom remain on the demised premises for more than three years, and shall be removed from the demised premises upon the completion of construction. All costs of the purchase or lease, installation, maintenance and removal of the portable classroom shall be the exclusive responsibility of the Lessee”. Mr. Velishka said that the Stamford Sailing Foundation has 2,480 square feet of portable classroom there right now, not in the Lease Area “A”.
- Mr. Velishka stated that the Stamford Sailing Foundation does not communicate with the Waterside Coalition on a regular basis besides when they come in front of the Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Captain Marx stated that everything that the Stamford Sailing Foundation has done it has been with the Mayor’s Office approval.
- Captain Marx contacted Mr. Christian Gerbert as asked by the Commission at the June 2008 meeting. Mr. Gerbert stated that he has been complaining about the trailers for three years and he would like them removed. Captain Marx stated that he is working on it but he doesn’t have a final answer for Mr. Gerbert yet.
- Mr. Lombardo stated that Mr. Nakajima had mentioned that there were supposed to be plantings to shield the view of the trailers. Mr. Gerbert stated that the price of the trees to shield the view of the trailers is going to be the price to move the trailers.
- Discussion took place about closing the park at night; Mr. Docimo explained that they Police are not always available to close the park at night. Mr. Lombardo suggested as a quick fix that if the Waterside Coalition is willing a lock and key can be given to them and they can close the park at night, if there are people still in the park, they will have to call the Police. Mr. Docimo stated that he if people get locked in it could be a dangerous situation.

Mr. Docimo feels that a lock in the gate is not going to help and feels that this is a Police matter. Mr. Docimo suggested that we should invite Sgt. Paul

Vaccaro from the Police Department to attend next month's meeting.

- Mr. Lombardo stated that he will talk to Director of Operations Ben Barnes and the Law Department regarding the Stamford Sailing Foundation's Lease, including the three year limitation on the placement of the trailers and how they ended up in the location they are right now.

Waterside Coalition – Issues within Southfield Park.

- Mr. Velishka requested that the guard rails in the lower parking area be replaced; he feels that they are a hazard. Mr. Lombardo asked Mr. Barbarotta to please look into it.
- Mr. Velishka met with Representative John Boccuzzi and Bob Longo and talked about taking the guard rail out and substituting it with boulders. Mr. Velishka feels that boulders are a more natural way of correcting this problem than wooden guard rails.
- Mr. Velishka requested one goal net for soccer at Southfield Park, he explained that this soccer goal will be used for pick up games after work not for organized sports. Mr. Docimo stated that by having a soccer goal, there will be organized sports and it will become an enforcement issue. This item will be discussed again in the August 2008 Commission Meeting.
- Mr. Lombardo asked Mr. Barbarotta to do a little more cleaning at Southfield Park. Mr. Barbarotta stated that they have improved and Mr. Velishka agreed that the park looks much better.
- Mr. Velishka stated that he has found evidence of drug use and alcohol at the park, feels that this is an enforcement issue for the Police.
- Mr. Velishka stated that there was amplified music at the park on Father's Day, he called the Police but nothing happened. There was Softball Father's Day game organized by the Supervisor of the City's Softball Umpire's League. Mr. Velishka stated that the door was open by the guy who cleans up the park every morning and that he gave them the extension cord to plug in the stereo system. They played music from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. When Mr. Velishka went to speak to the guy he told him that Bob Longo said that there was no problem because of the umpire connection.

Mr. Barbarotta stated that he spoke to the employee and told him that he was not allowed to supply any power, they are going to make sure it doesn't happen again next year.

- Mr. Velishka stated in January 2007 he informed the Commission that there is a sign that tells people to stay off the boat dock; it said Authorized Personnel

Only – Private Property. The wording on the sign was supposed to be changed and it has not as of today. Mr. Lombardo asked Mr. Barbarotta to remove the sign tomorrow.

- Mr. Velishka showed a picture of a flag pole that he was authorized by Mr. Bob Longo to install on the Southfield Avenue side of the park, they will be doing an entire annual planting around it. Mr. Lombardo stated that Mr. Longo needed authorization from the Parks & Recreation Commission before approving the flag pole.
- Mr. Veliska stated that at the front of the park the light in the small building across from the park stays on all day and all night. The light shines directly on the playground, which encourages basketball games at night and other activities, neighbors are requesting that the light be turned off at night. Mr. Docimo stated that Representative John Boccuzzi requested that this light be on at night.

Mrs. Carson – Shippan Point Garden Club – West Beach.

- Mrs. Carson stated that they have two problems that they would like to discuss with the Parks & Recreation Commission; one is the replacement of trees that were removed from West Beach Park. No plans for replacement trees have been made. The second problem is the destruction of the meadow at the center of the habitat. The habitat has been mowed three times despite a meeting on June 19th with City representatives who agreed the grass would not be mowed.
- Ms. Carson stated that since the Commission gave them permission to create a habitat to support shoreline birds with native plant species they obtained funding to proceed. They received \$3,000 from the Mayor's Neighborhood Empowerment Grant, and \$1,000 from the National Garden Club Lets Go Native Grant. They have invested over three hundred hours of volunteer work.
- Mrs. Carson asked what is the objective for this piece of West Beach Park. Is it creation of a Bird Habitat, is it a mown field or is it public property landscaped for the benefit of individual property owners abutting to the park?

The Garden Club needs an answer to this question so they can decide how to proceed. They need to decide what to do with the plants they have already installed, what about the remaining budget for the plants in the meadow yet to be planted.

- Mr. Barbarotta stated that some trees were taken down. He went to West Beach tonight and stated that the work that the Garden Club did was still there. There was maybe one plant in distress. Mr. Barbarotta stated that he

was not sure if the Garden Club presented a plan to the Commission. The plan they presented to get the Grant money is not the same plan that they want to do now. The mowed area the Garden Club is concerned about is a grass area behind volleyball nets and Mr. Barbarotta feels that it needs to remain a grass area, so if someone wants to sit there and have a picnic they can sit in the grass.

Mr. Barbarotta stated that anything that was cut down was a hazard or it was done to the standard that we always have done.

- Mr. Barbarotta stated that one of the property owners submitted a plan to David Emerson and to Phil D'Amico, he wanted some trees so he can increase his sightline to the beach. Most of the trees removed were a safety hazard and invasive species. The neighbor was willing to pay for plants to put plantings back in the other side of the fence on City property. Mr. Lombardo requested a copy of the plan submitted to Mr. Emerson.
- Ms. Carson proposed a grass and wild flowers meadow with a wide mown path around it.
- Mr. Lombardo stated that he will walk the site on Saturday and will get back to the Garden Club.

New Business

Gary Bivona – Placement of an Amusement Ride at a City Beach – Preferable Cove Island.

No representative was present.

Michelle Palazzo – Bennett Cancer Center – Looking for Parking Lot to Hold Approximately 150 Cars Where 4 Busses can Pick Up and Drop Off Women Attending the New York Tour Part of the Paint the Town Pink Campaign for Breast Cancer – October 17, 2008.

Mr. Lombardo requested that Ms. Palazzo have someone from the Bennett Cancer Center in charge of the Cancer Walk contact him regarding the spray painting of the streets during the past Cancer Walk.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve Cove Island Parking Lot. Insurance will be needed.

Seconded by Mr. Martino

Unanimously Approved

Robert Zmarzlak – North Stamford Little League – Permission to Construct an 11 Foot by 11 Foot Roof Canopy.

They would like to construct a roof canopy that has supporting columns that are going to attach to the concession adjacent to the ball field. The canopy will be put there to improve the use of the concession stand.

Mr. Barbarotta stated that this needs to be approved by the Fire Department and the Building Department.

Mr. Lombardo stated that there is an issue with the Stamford Little League, the people who drive and park in the grass area, Mr. Lombardo asked that this issue be addressed.

Mr. Martino made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Mr. McGuinness

Unanimously Approved

Discussion Regarding Volunteer Work in Our Parks.

- Mr. Lombardo stated that we need a Resolution by this Board that any volunteer work on our parks has to be cleared through the staff and has to be supervised by the staff.
- An employee of Keep Stamford Beautiful was working in the area right in front of the Nature Center and had two trucks parked on the lawn. Mrs. O'Neill explained that the two trucks were filled with debris and tools and it would have been dangerous to have kids walking across High Ridge Road to get tools out of the truck.
- Mr. Lombardo stated that he would like to be a member of the Keep Stamford Beautiful Board.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve a Resolution that will state that any volunteer work on our parks has to be cleared through the staff and has to be supervised by the staff.

Seconded by Mr. Martino

Unanimously Approved

Ellen O'Neill – Keep Stamford Beautiful/UBS – Community Service Project – Painting Cubeta Stadium – Friday, August 1, 2008 – 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

About 125 volunteers from UBS and some kids from Babe Ruth will be doing the painting.

Mr. McGuinness made a motion to approve.

Seconded by Mr. Martino

Unanimously Approved

There was a discussion regarding illegal signs. Mrs. O'Neill stated that Keep Stamford Beautiful takes down the illegal signs every time they see them; she also makes calls to the people that put them up. Mrs. O'Neill has asked for someone at the Police Department that can be assigned to her so the Police can make these phone calls.

John Ruotolo – D.S.S.D. – Discussion.

No representative was present.

Tournaments

No Tournaments.

Correspondence

No Correspondence.

The August Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 27, 2008.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. McGuinness

Seconded by Mr. Martino

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
July 18, 2008