



Regular Meeting of the Longmeadow Board of Park Commissioners  
Monday, September 20, 2010  
Longmeadow Fire Station, 44 Williams Street  
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Present: Chairperson James Brennan, Vice Chairperson James Russell, Commissioner James Goodhines, Commissioner Steven Danishevsky, Director Bari Jarvis and Asst. Director Mary Hannigan.

- I. Minutes of May Meeting  
Motion to approve the Minutes from the May 2010 Meeting was made by Commissioner James Goodhines and seconded by Commissioner Steven Danishevsky. Motion to approve the Minutes passes unanimously.
- II. Public Participation – Four people spoke before the Park Board: Allen Grosnick, Susan Altman and Charles Grincavitch spoke in favor of seeing a resolution to the Bliss Clay Court situation and Susan Dudley Oxx spoke in favor of making the programs and Sports Leagues more inclusive.
- III. Financial Report – There was discussion concerning the Daycare balance at the end of the year and how it relates to the current economic condition facing families today. Director Bari Jarvis discussed strategies that the Greenwood Staff is taking such as part time enrollment, working with the Board of Ed families, etc. to increase revenue over the next year. Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Vice Chairperson James Russell and seconded by Commissioner James Goodhines. Motion to approve passes unanimously.
- IV. CPC Update – Commissioner James Goodhines reported that the CPC Committee would be meeting on October 5 to solidify proposals for this year. Commissioner Goodhines reported that no changes have been made to the regulations that would allow Longmeadow and other communities to do improvements to existing projects because the guidelines have not changed on the state level as of yet. The State Senate has approved the changes to the law but the House has not approved the proposed changes.
- V. Old Business
  - a. Bliss Tennis Courts – Public Forum – The Park Board reviewed the minutes from the June 4, 2010 Public Hearing concerning the Bliss Park Clay Courts. Discussion followed about the amount of money available in the current budget to either take down or put towards possible maintenance of the site. There was discussion about possibly leasing the courts out to Tennis Professionals for possible lessons in return for upkeep. A motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner James Goodhines and seconded by Commissioner Steven Danishevsky.
  - b. Blinn Courts Fees – LHS Tennis Team and Public Pass System – No action taken.
- VI. New Business
  - a. Commission Photo – Tabled for future meeting
  - b. Pool Rules – Proposal to Change – Director Bari Jarvis reported that guidelines in place state that children need to be 14 years of age and older to be at the pool unsupervised by a parent or guardian although during the summer many responsible 12 & 13 years olds babysit and fall below 14 years of age. Director Jarvis is going to contact other communities to see how they handle the age restrictions and report back to the Park Board.
  - c. Open Meeting Law – No report
  - d. Dog Park – Vice Chairperson James Russell is planning to attend a Select Board Meeting to see if he can get approval for the Park Board to move forward with the concept of building a Dog Park somewhere in Longmeadow. Vice Chairperson will report back to the Park Board at the October Meeting.

VIII. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the Longmeadow Park Board Meeting was made by Commissioner James Goodhines and seconded by Commissioner Steven Danishevsky at 7:15pm. Motion to approve passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary T. Hannigan, Recording Secretary