

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

**Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of June 2, 2011**  
**Held at the Recreation Department Office at 100 Riverview Center**

Present: Commissioners Gerry Winzer, Tom D'Aquila, Tony Jaskot, Phil Pessina, Dan Drew, Sheila Jones and Ricky Romano. Director Raymond Santostefano representing the Parks and Recreation Department. Student representative Dhruvi Patel.

Absent: Superintendent's John Milardo and Ray Jacobs.

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: Beth Shluger, Executive Director of the Hartford Marathon Foundation and Peggy Byram attended the meeting. Beth Shluger spoke regarding the use of Crystal Lake for July 11, 18, 25, 2011. She briefly spoke about the number of events and training programs that are held. Peggy Byram spoke briefly regarding the foundation's request to use Crystal Lake and explained the details and the needs of the event. She stated that entry fees will be charged.

Director Santostefano asked numerous questions regarding the Hartford Marathon Foundation event. The commission requested that the city attorney compose a memo of understanding/contract for this event.

Minutes: Chairman Winzer requested a motion be made accepting the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of April 7, 2011. Commissioner Jaskot accepted. Commissioner Romano seconded the motion. Commissioner's Pessina and Drew abstained.

Minutes: Chairman Winzer requested a motion be made accepting the Parks and Recreation "Special Meeting" minutes of May 10, 2011. Commissioner Jones accepted. Commissioner Pessina seconded the motion. Commissioner Romano abstained.

Vote: The Parks & Recreation Commission and "Special Meeting" minutes were unanimously approved.

Department Reports: Director Santostefano spoke about the Parks Department's maintenance and repairs that have been completed recently and the Recreation Department's various programs that are currently in progress.

Correspondence: Director Santostefano presented some literature for the commissioners to read from the National Parks and Recreation Association in an attempt to heighten their awareness on the importance of a strong and viable Parks and Recreation Department. Commissioner Drew stated that monies were added back into the Sport Grant line item.

Miscellaneous: None

Old Business:

Motion: Commissioner Pessina made a motion to allow the Hartford Marathon Foundation event at Crystal Lake on July 11, 18, 25, 2011. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Santostefano discussed the rubber membrane for ice skating at Pat Kidney Field. He stated that a consolidation of funds were approved by the Common Council and will be moving forward.

Director Santostefano spoke about the skateboard park construction at Willie Pep Park and the completion date of the landscaping to be finished by the time school closes for the summer, with an opening at that time and a grand opening later in the summer.

New Business: None

Miscellaneous: None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Pessina. It was a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori A. Marcati

cc Mayor Sebastian Giuliano