

**TOWN OF STRATFORD
BOOTHE MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

January 9, 2008

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Level Meeting Room of the Coliseum Building on the grounds of Boothe Memorial Park, Main Street, Stratford CT, pursuant to notice duly given and posted.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Philips at 7:36 p.m.

Presiding: Chairman Stephanie Philips

Commissioners in Attendance: R. Brown, J. Brazzell, S. Voccola, A. Scala

Commissioners & Others Absent: B. Burton, B. Daponte, P. Handy (Parks Dept.), A. Thorpe (Amateur Radio Group), M. Holden (BMAS)

Others in Attendance: P. DeVitto (BMRS)

At this time Chairman Philips welcomed new Commissioners, Thomas Moore (Dist. 8 Councilman) and Amy Wanamaker (Dist. 6 Councilman).

Chairman Philips introduced Pat Patusky from the Recreation Dept., who presented information on potential concerts to be held at Boothe Park. The Rec. Dept. currently sponsors 2 concerts and would like to expand that to include performances by a military band. She is currently working on documents and plans to solicit funds. Discussion followed re dates to consider, etc. Also reported that emergency phones will be installed at Boothe Park soon.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the 11/14/07 meeting were approved on a motion by R. Brown and seconded by A. Scala.

2. **Financial Report:** Chairman Philips submitted the profit & loss report for Pumpkin Festival '07 with comparisons to 2005 & 2006; still waiting for bill from Police Dept. Also discussed were several funding requests that need Commission approval [information previously submitted to commissioners]: (a) Concerts at Boothe Park – Rec. Dept. requires additional funds due to budget cuts in order to sponsor the concerts. They have scheduled 3 concerts this year (7/9, 7/13 and 8/3) and require \$2,000 in order to do this; (b) Stratford Community Calendar full-page ad in the Spring/Summer issue to promote Boothe Park to all Stratford residents [estimated cost \$160-250]; (c) Amateur Radio Group has requested funds for new equipment in order to enhance and expand their operations at Boothe Park [estimated cost \$942.62]. **Motion by R. Brown to approve the foregoing 3 expenditures as presented and discussed, seconded by A. Scala and passed unanimously.**

3. **Parks Department Report:** P. Handy absent, no report at this time.

4. **Volunteer Reports:** (a) **BMRS-P.** DeVitto reported that there is still no heat in the Train Museum [furnace clogged], and spoke about need for better snow removal by the town. (b) J. Brazzell reported that the Boothe Park Rose Garden has been designated as one of the best “volunteer” gardens in the U.S.
5. **Commissioners’ Reports:** None at this time.
6. **Old Business:** current items on agenda to be discussed at next meeting.
7. **New Business:** (a) Chairman Philips submitted an accounting report for the Boothe Homestead Roof project; review and discussion followed. (b) Stratford Conservation Commission is planning to sponsor a Birding Festival in town and is considering holding it at Boothe Park. (c) Town website being worked on [approved funds \$5,000].
8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by A. Scala and seconded by S. Vocola.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Gallo
Recording Secretary