

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

February 20, 2008

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 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, Councilman T. Moore, Councilman A. Wanamaker

Commissioners & Others Absent: B. Burton, B. Daponte, A. Scala, S. Voccola, A. Thorpe (Amateur Radio Group), M. Holden (BMAS)

Others in Attendance: P. DeVitto (BMRS), P. Handy (Parks Dept.)

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the 1/9/08 regular meeting were approved on a motion by R. Brown and seconded by J. Brazzell. Discussion followed re 2008 meeting schedule. **Motion by R. Brown to omit meetings scheduled for July and August due to anticipated lack of quorum, seconded by T. Moore and passed unanimously.** Revised meeting schedule will be submitted to Council Clerk.
2. **Financial Report:** Chairman Philips submitted Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements a/o 2/12/08. There is a new expenditure of \$320 for the Community Calendar ad. Chairman Philips also submitted list of 2008 Budget Requests for review and discussion (re grants specific to projects at Boothe Park and itemized list of requests). It was also noted that the Health Dept. is willing to assess Boothe Park's needs based on current health codes. **Motion by R. Brown to accept and submit the proposed 2008 Boothe Park Commission Budget Requests to the Town Council for approval, seconded by J. Brazzell and passed unanimously.**
3. **Parks Department Report:** P. Handy reported that 3 contractors are scheduled for a walk-thru on 2/26 @ 10am to assess work on the Homestead. Quotes will be brought back to Commission for approval and vote.
4. **Volunteer Reports:** (a) Rose Garden – J. Brazzell talked about plans for new plantings, etc. Jackson-Perkins has donated 80 rose bushes for next season's plan. BMPC will send thank you for donation. It was noted that we have the best Rose Garden volunteers in the country – AARS award recipients. Discussion followed re ideas for celebration of the Rose Garden for this year – Councilmen T. Moore and A. Wanamaker will work on plans for Town Council recognition. It was also suggested that we ask high school students to volunteer and learn about the Rose Garden. (b) **BMRS-P.** DeVitto reported that they still need keys to building; requested funds from

the budget for equipment; thanked P. Handy and Councilman Moore for arranging to fix the furnace; and requested that some of the trees be removed.

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 reported that the Conservation Commission is planning to sponsor a Birding Festival in Stratford (fall '08) and may use Boothe Park as one of the sites. (b) Pumpkin Festival '08 – pumpkins to be ordered soon. Councilman Wanamaker reported that one of her constituents is a pumpkin grower in Stratford and suggested that we explore opportunities with him. He will be invited to the March meeting. (c) Recreation Dept. is making plans for additional programs and events in town and has requested that Boothe Park Commission join them to brainstorm and discuss possibilities.
8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Wanamaker and seconded by J. Brazzell.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Gallo
Recording Secretary