

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

July 9, 2008

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 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 7:35 p.m.

Presiding: Chairman Stephanie Philips

Commissioners in Attendance: J. Brazzell R. Brown, B. Burton B. Daponte, A. Scala, S. Voccola, Councilman T. Moore

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

Others in Attendance: P. DeVitto (BMRS), Mayor Miron, Sibley Law, Frank Kecko and Mary Beth Eckert (Rose Garden volunteers)

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the 5/14/08 Meeting were approved on a motion by R. Brown and seconded by A. Scala.

2. **Financial Report:** (a) Chairman Philips distributed the Profit & Loss Statement 7/07-6/08 & Balance Sheet 7/9/08 for review and discussion; Pumpkin Festival '08 updates (previously distributed via email & regular mail). **Motion by A. Scala to approve and accept the commitments made to date & costs to be paid for the Pumpkin Festival in accordance with said report, seconded by S. Voccola and passed unanimously.** (b) Chairman Philips also reported that the Amateur Radio Club W10RS submitted invoices for requested funds for new equipment to enhance and expand their operations at Boothe Park (previously approved by vote at 1/9/08 meeting).

3. **Parks Department Report:** P. Handy absent. Chairman Philips reported that work orders for the roofs have been submitted but still need to be reviewed & approved by Mayor Miron. She noted that we need to be sure that the funds are being drawn from the "bonding" and not the BMPC budget appropriations (clarification has been requested from Mayor Miron).

At this time Chairman Philips welcomed Mayor Miron and Sibley Law to the meeting. Congratulations were extended to the Mayor on the \$200,000 grant received (still awaiting approval to spend the funds). Bessie Burton reported that the existing roofs need to be assessed with regard to age of repair or replacement before deciding which ones are to be worked on. Also, approval is needed from the Historical Preservation Commission on repairs and/or replacements.

4. **Old Business:**

(i) Kitchen Renovations (Coliseum) – Anna Scala reported that the new stove will be needed very soon (pies for the Pumpkin Festival will have to be baked at the Park this year);

(ii) Pumpkin Festival '08 – Chairman Philips reported that there will be an additional expenditure for the full-page ad in the Community Calendar at cost of \$320.00. **Motion by A. Scala to approve the \$320.00 expenditure for the cost of a full-page ad in the Community Calendar fall issue, seconded by B. Burton and passed unanimously;**

(iii) Website – S. Voccola reported that it should be up and running by end of summer;

(iv) NHSO Concert – Sibley Law thanked Beth DaPonte for her idea and initiating talks with the Arts Commission; he also reported that more volunteers are needed, sponsorships are low (less than 12), donations will be suggested for attendees, parking situation discussed (on site & off site with shuttle buses); R. Brown reported that volunteers will be selling water and candy; J. Brazzell noted that the Rose Garden will need some protection during the event; Chairman Philips reported that there have been inquiries about the condition of the flower beds in front of the Park (will check with P. Handy on availability of town workers & consider some volunteers); B. DaPonte recommended a wrap-up meeting after the concert to compare notes, criticisms, etc.

5. **Volunteer Reports:** (a) BMRS – P. DeVitto reported that some weeding & trimming is needed around the Train Museum; (b) Rose Garden – J. Brazzell reported that newly planted rose bushes are doing very well & distributed pamphlet from AARS showing new winning roses.

6. **Commissioners' Reports:** none at this time.

7. **New Business:** none at this time.

8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. on a motion by R. Brown and seconded by A. Scala.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Gallo
Recording Secretary