

**Town of Hamden**  
**Town Center Park Commission**  
**Minutes of a Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Town Center Park**  
**4:45 pm**

**Minutes**

1. **Call To Order:** Chairman Fitch called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm.
2. **Attendance:**
  - a. **In Attendance:** Matthew Fitch, Chairman; Victor Mitchell; Jessica Hazan
  - b. **Absent:** Gerry Tobin; Mike D'Andrea
  - c. **Also In Attendance:** Lee Campo; Paul Begeman; John Nolan, Hamden Rotary Club; Patrick Donnelly; Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
3. **Approval of Past Minutes:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021
  - a. Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Hazan. All were in favor.
4. **Chairman's Report-** N/A
5. **Old Business-** N/A
6. **New Business**
  - a. **Proposal to Pave Entrance to the Park**
    - i. The following members of the Hamden Rotary Club: Lee Campo, Paul Begeman, and John Nolan, offered a detailed a proposal for a new paved entrance to the park. There was a brief discussion regarding the logistical details, particularly the material choice to allow for handicap accessibility. Chairman Fitch noted that a paved entrance has been a part of the Master Plan for some time. The Rotary Club has offered to provide the necessary materials, with the hope that the Town provides the labor. There was a brief discussion regarding the sale of stones, in an effort to encourage resident contributions. These sales could potentially be conducted at the Farmer's Market or even the upcoming Food Truck Festival. Mr. Donnelly agreed to set up a meeting between the Rotary Club representatives and the Hamden Engineering Department, sometime after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Mr. Begeman noted that a budget still needs to be established and finalized. Mr. Donnelly agreed, and stated that the final step will be to present the idea in front of the Legislative Council for ultimate approval.
  - b. **Hamden Symphony Orchestra**
    - i. Ms. Hazan made a motion to approve the use of TCP by the Hamden Symphony Orchestra on Wednesdays between 7/14- 8/25. This was seconded by Mr. Mitchell and all were in favor.
  - c. **Shakespeare in the Park**
    - i. Around July 23<sup>rd</sup>, *A Midnight Summer's Dream* will be performed on the barn stage.
  - d. **Food Truck Festival**
    - i. Mr. Donnelly confirmed that the Hamden Food Truck Festival will be taking place on August 6<sup>th</sup>. He is in the process of finalizing the list of participating vendors/trucks and is optimistic about the prospects.
7. **Adjournment:** At 5:06 pm, Ms. Hazan made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. All were in favor.

**Submitted by: Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk**