

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

April 9, 2008

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 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 7:43 p.m.

Presiding: Chairman Stephanie Philips

Commissioners in Attendance: R. Brown, B. Daponte, A. Scala, Councilman A. Wanamaker

Commissioners & Others Absent: J. Brazzell, B. Burton, S. Voccola, Councilman T. Moore, A. Thorpe (Amateur Radio Group)

Others in Attendance: P. DeVitto (BMRS), P. Handy (Parks Dept.), M. Holden (BMAS), V. Harris and P. Reslink of Friends of Boothe

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the 2/20/08 Special Meeting meeting were approved on a motion by R. Brown and seconded by A. Scala.
2. **Financial Report:** no report at this time (no changes from last report).
3. **Parks Department Report:** P. Handy submitted summary of quotes for repairs; available funds \$20,000; any overage must be paid by BMPC. Review and discussion of contractor quotes followed. Motion by Councilman Wanamaker to approve funding for repair work on Radio Shack by R. Wiltsie Construction, Trolley Station by Voccola Home Builders, and Redwood Building by EJ Iott; seconded by A. Scala and passed unanimously. Councilman Wanamaker will give report to Town Council on 4/14/08. Motion by Chairman Philips to authorize preparation of a letter to the Town Council and Mayor Miron requesting \$50,000 for the remaining repair work on the Americana Museum and Carriage House Museum; discussion followed and Chairman Philips amended motion to request \$75,000; with no further discussion motion was seconded by A. Scala and passed as amended.
4. **Old Business:** (i) Kitchen Renovations – tabled; (ii) Pumpkin Festival '08 – Motion by A. Scala to authorize Chairman Philips to enter into contracts for the hayride, bounce structures, and planting of pumpkins; seconded by R. Brown and passed unanimously. (iii) May Opening Day – previously discussed; (iv) Website – tabled.
5. **Volunteer Reports:** (a) Friends of Boothe – V. Harris submitted schedule for Opening Day on 5/18/08; also planning fundraiser “Under the Stars” for 6/7/08.
6. **Commissioners' Reports:** None at this time.

7. **New Business:** (i) New Haven Symphony Orchestra – B. Daponte discussed proposal to hold event at Boothe Park for the Stratford Summer Festival. Councilman Wanamaker spoke about Town Council approval of funds for the Arts Commission to sponsor “large” musical events. They have high expectations for these cultural events. Discussion continued regarding dates, location, rain date (alternate location), conflicts with other renters, etc. Motion by R. Brown to support plans to have the NHSO performance at Boothe Park based on the following qualifiers: resolution with Putney Players based on their plans, find out what other events are planned at the Park, no interference with other renters for functions at the Park, choose alternate location for rain date; seconded by A. Scala and passed unanimously.

8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on a motion by R. Brown and seconded by A. Scala.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Gallo
Recording Secretary