

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
October 7, 2019

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Tim Cook, Whitney Ryan, Alice Demeo, Ray Reich, Joe Fredlund. Coordinator Jeff Hammond; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 5:40p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Tim Cook, seconded by Whitney Ryan and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Harvest Festival:** Jeff Hammond reported that he will be attending a meeting Wednesday, October 9th, to discuss final details of the Harvest Festival (Sunday, October 13th) and will contact the Commissioners Thursday regarding help needed, times, etc.
- **Activities/Events:** Jeff reported that the pool at Shepaug was not available in time for Fall Swim lesson to be offered. He is hopeful that Morning Swim will begin in the not-too-distant future.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **River Walk/Pavilion:** Jeff reported that he would like to replace the round tables at the Pavilion and estimates the cost to be approximately \$1300-\$2500. The Pavilion will close for the season on or about November 15th.
- **Scarecrow Build:** Jeff and Commissioners working on the Parks and Rec Scarecrow for the Harvest Festival following this evening's meeting.
- **Activities/Events:** The Commissioners discussed various possible upcoming events: Spring or Summer Concert co-sponsored with National Iron Bank, Winter Concert at Town Hall; Full Moon Hike in May; Summer Picnic a week or two after July 4th as attendance has been low when held on the 4th. More discussion to follow in upcoming months.

COORDINATOR's REPORT: Jeff Hammond reported the following:

Tennis Courts

Folks have been using the courts and are pleased with the playability of the new surface. Putnam did return and swept the courts one additional time as promised.

Harvest Festival

We are one week away from our 3rd annual Harvest Festival. Most preparations are in good order but at this time I am a little short on hay bale donations. I have received 40 bales from Averill Farm, 50 bales from Whitehead's and George Criollo has committed 25. I would like to get at least an additional 50 bales. If anyone knows someone in the hay business, I would greatly appreciate some assistance.

Aside from that, Parks & Rec's scarecrow is coming along and other aspects of the event that I am responsible for are set and in place, including the Mobile Pub, band, Boy Scouts (popcorn), and trackless train.

Pool Status

At this time, we still do not have access to the pool. I am told that we are very close to regaining access but haven't been given the all clear yet. As a result, we have missed our window for fall swim lessons.

Boat Ramp

Everything continues to run smoothly at the ramp. It will be closing for the season on Sunday the 27th.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- **Happy Birthday to C.J. Kersten.**
- **Congratulations to MacKenzie Stuart and Mark Kusch on their marriage.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:18p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk