

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**February 8, 2021**

**Meeting held via Video Conferencing**

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

**Present:** Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Tim Cook, Ray Reich, Carrie Rowe, Greg Kraft, Alice Demeo, Joe Fredlund, Sheila Anson. Coordinator: Jeff Hammond; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.  
**Public:** Christina Fernandez-O'Toole.

**Call to Order:** Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m. noting there was a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Ray Reich, seconded by Carrie Rowe and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Activities/Events:** No report.
- **Summer Outlook: Summer Rec Camp:** Jeff Hammond will be doing the Facility Request form for the use of Shepaug however this is not a certainty. Jeff has spoken with Camp Director Brian McCauley, about contacting counselors to determine who may be coming back and the possibility of holding camp at the Pavilion if the Shepaug campus cannot be used. There are no "stand alone camps" scheduled at this time as past enrollment numbers have not been enough to hold them. Joe Fredlund suggested contacting Kenyon Clark to ask if he would be interested in conducting pickle ball clinics for adults and children.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Swim Lessons:** Jeff has been speaking with Kelly Norris regarding her teaching morning swim lessons at the Town Beach before the Beach opens.
- **Activities/Events:** Like Summer Camp, planning of Summer Activities has started but cannot be guaranteed until guidelines are known. However, Jeff is hoping the Block Party in June can occur as well as the July Country Concert and the Fall Billy Joel Concert. Ray Reich inquired if the Ted Alex and Dick Ayer Fields will be in shape for games if the CIAC allows them to take place. Jeff explained that Groundskeeper Jesse Travers had done an excellent job of keeping them weeded. C.J. Kersten will check the condition of the clay.
- **Pavilion Rentals:** Dates can be reserved but numbers of people attending events, use of the kitchen, tables, chairs and grill need to be determined prior to confirmation.
- **Coordinator's Announcement:** Jeff reported to the Commission that his part time position of Finance Assistant and HR responsibilities has grown to the point of becoming a full time position pending budget approval for fiscal year 2021-2022. If approved, he will resign from his position as Parks and Rec Coordinator – effective July 1, 2021. He, will have as much of the summer programs confirmed as possible and would like to advertise the position in April/May in order to have someone in place by June 1, 2021 – giving him time to train. Jeff also spoke of his time

enjoying growing and adding new programs, etc. and would be happy to serve as a Commissioner should a vacancy occur. The Commissioners thanked Jeff and fully supported his decision for advancement.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:55p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Clerk