

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
May 6, 2022

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

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Joe Fredlund, Tim Cook, Alice Demeo. Coordinator Connie Chapin; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order: Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 5:38p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Tim Cook, seconded by Sheila Anson and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Pavilion electrical:** Connie Chapin reported Eagle Electric will repair the light for the flagpole at the Ted Alex Field and various outlets at no charge except for parts needed. A new flag has been purchased.
- **Community Block Party:** June 3, 2022. 5:30-8:30p.m. Connie has lined up a brass band which will perform in front of the Town Hall.
- **Summer Recreation:** Registrations continue to come in. Connie and Summer Rec Director Brian McCauley will interview prospective CITs and counselors on May 18th.
- **Beach staffing:** There is still a need for 2-3 lifeguards. The Director must be lifeguard certified.
- **Basketball resurfacing – Senior Project Update:** Mary Anne Greene reported she had reached out to Shepaug Senior Logan Pacific regarding Village Improvement Society's financial assistance requesting more information. He has not yet provided a more detailed request.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Pavilion Rental – deposit requirements, set up fees:** Occasionally renters of the Pavilion do not leave the facility in the condition in which they found it and more time is required for clean-up, etc. There was discussion as to whether or not an additional "cleaning fee" should be required prior to the event in addition to the deposit fee. Following discussion, the Commission agreed that User Fees would remain the same and the Deposit Fee would be \$200 regardless of using just the picnic table area or the entire facility including the kitchen, tables, chairs, grill, etc. If all is well, the \$200 will be returned. If not, all or part will be used to cover additional cleaning hours by P & R staff. This change will not be enforced for those renters who have already paid their fees.
- **Pool User Fee:** There was discussion as to whether or not a person who comes once or twice to "try out" Morning Swim should be charged. It was decided they would not need to pay but a release form should be completed.
- **Pavilion partition installation:** Joe Fredlund and John Quist will arrange to get this done.
- **Summer Recreation fee adjustment:** If a summer school student wishes to attend all or part of the Summer Rec program after school, it was agreed that a reduced fee could be charged.

- **Summer enrichment Grant Fund:** Connie reported she is looking into this grant through the State of Connecticut which would be a 50/50 match and could perhaps be used for the basketball court resurfacing.
- **Scholarship Fund:** Connie and Mary Anne will be reviewing program balances in order to transfer funds into the Scholarship Fund.
- **Activities/Events:** National Iron Bank will be sponsoring an event to mark its 175th Anniversary at the Pavilion on July 16th.
- **In the works:** Stand-up Paddle Board Camp will be discussed further as there has been a significant increase in the fee. The Pavilion bathroom doors are in desperate need of re-painting or replacement.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk