

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
September 14, 2020

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

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

Call to Order: Chairman C. J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:37p.m. noting there was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Sheila Anson, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **River Walk:** Coordinator Jeff Hammond reported that the new shed will be delivered to River Walk Park next Thursday. The site is ready for its placement. Washington Park Foundation held its last movie night 2 weeks ago. The Institute for American Indian Studies and Shakesperience held their fund raising events this past weekend. There are no other Pavilion uses scheduled for this season. C.J. received an inquiry from Karen Puskas about using the Dick Ayer Field for several 14U softball games. The Commission approved this request but is requiring insurance.
- **Beach/Boat Ramp:** The Beach was closed prematurely due to a staff member testing positive for COVID-19 and has remained closed. Post season access to the beach area is also prohibited. The Boat Ramp remains open with no problems cited.
- **September Concert:** The September 5th Billy Joel Tribute Concert on the Town Hall front lawn went very well with approximately 75-100 people in attendance. COVID-19 safety protocols were put into place and adhered to.
- **Activities/Events:** none.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Morning Swim:** Jeff Hammond has been in touch with School Superintendent Megan Bennett regarding the start of Morning Swim. The original thought was to wait for the first month of school to finish and to assess the situation in regard to COVID-19 protocols, etc. In the meantime, "Rocky" Tomlinson has submitted his resignation as monitor for the program. As the participants are not able to use the locker rooms, there is the uncertainty of COVID-19 and of finding a replacement monitor, the Commission's consensus was to cancel the program for the remainder of the fall semester.
- **Activities/Events: Harvest Festival:** Due to COVID-19 the Fall Festival will not be held on the same scale as previous years-if at all. Following discussion, it was agreed that Jeff Hammond would contact Roger Cannavaro to inquire if the Regulators band was still available for Sunday, October 11th with the idea of having a mid to late afternoon concert at the Pavilion. Jeff will also inquire about the Mobile Pub and/or food truck. More details to follow.

Holiday in the Depot will also need to be scaled back. The idea of the tree lighting and having the horse drawn wagon come to transport Santa around the Depot was discussed. More details to follow.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: C.J. Kersten reported the following:

- **Condolences to the family and friends of Mark Averill.**
- **Congratulations to Greg and Roxanne Kraft on becoming grandparents with the arrival of Ivy.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:12p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk