

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
April 11, 2022

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

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Carrie Rowe, Joe Fredlund, Ray Reich. Coordinator Connie Chapin; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order: Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:37p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Carrie Rowe seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **River Walk Spring Cleanup/Maintenance issues:** C.J. Kersten has met with Connor Douskey regarding field maintenance, mulching of gardens, etc. Connor will submit an estimate for consideration. Connie Chapin reported the Pavilion bathrooms opened to the public today. They, and the kitchen, have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Mulch is needed for the playground area. C.J. will look into ordering mulch as well as stone for the Dick Ayer Field dugouts. Connie will contact an electrician to repair the light for the flag pole at the Ted Alex Field. Jaye Stuart has generously offered to take care of the garden at the foot of the flag pole. Connie suggested that wood from downed trees along the walking path be saved and used for the Pavilion fireplace. Bees are once again making nests along the path. Connie will place the signs out reminding walkers the bees are harmless.
- **Pickleball Court bid:** Connie, C.J. and Joe Fredlund met with Hinding Tennis to discuss the installation of Pickleball courts in the vicinity of the tennis courts. The estimated cost is \$100,000 for two courts. In the meantime, Rumsey Hall School has generously offered the use of their courts once construction is complete and a schedule can be worked out.
- **Logan Pacific Senior Project/Basketball Court:** Logan, who attended a Parks and Rec meeting several months ago to discuss his Senior Project to repair the court, has received an estimate of \$15,449 to repair the court behind the Washington Primary School according to his Technical Advisor, Jenn Pote. No other information has been reported to the Commission. The suggestion was made to ask Logan to attend the next meeting of the Commission to discuss fund raising, etc.
- **Pavilion Partitions:** The partitions for the bathrooms have been ordered. A delivery date has not yet been provided.
- **Boat Ramp:** The dock will be put in at the Lake Waramaug Boat Launch tomorrow. The ramp will open for the season on Saturday, April 16th. Spring hours will be Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday 6:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. and 4:00p.m.-Sunset.
- **Beach Update:** The new swim dock has been ordered. A request has again been made to install a flagpole at the Town Beach. For now, a flagpole will be installed on the deck of the Beach House. Placement of a larger pole in the grassy area will be looked into and discussed further. Connie is currently working on staffing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Community Block Party** is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd and will again be sponsored by the Washington Business Association and the Parks and Rec Commission. The River City Band will be performing in front of the Town Hall.
- **Pavilion Spruce Up-Spring plans:** Connie reported the doors need to be repainted, woodpecker damage repaired, planters replaced, etc.
- **Iron Bank 175th Anniversary Celebration:** Justin Spring is organizing a 175th Anniversary Celebration at the River Walk PAVILION ON July 16, 2022. More details to follow.
- **Collaboration with Warren:** They are having a bus trip to Yankee Stadium in July. There are 18 tickets left. Contact the Parks and Rec Office for more information.
- **Summer Rec and After School Program:** Kerri McDevitt will be the Arts and Crafts Director for the Summer Rec program with Samantha Williams assisting. Connie will be meeting with Kerri and Brian McCauley regarding staffing.
- **Steep Rock is looking for summer interns** to work on trails, etc. Information is available through Steep Rock and the Parks and Rec Facebook page.

Chairman's Comments: Vice-Chairman Sheila Anson thanked River Walk walker, Jane Moore, for raising and lowering the flag at the Ted Alex Field as needed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:43p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk