

TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes  
June 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, Carrie Rowe, Greg Kraft, Alice Demeo, Ray Reich; Coordinator Connie Chapin; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 6, 2022 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **River Walk Park/Fields:** Connie Chapin reported: stone dust has been ordered for River Walk; Connor Douskey is mowing the lawn areas once a week; Luke Cheney has been trained to drag the walk once a week. With Jesse Travers still out, Connie has been checking for garbage, etc. WPS custodian Josh Murphy has expressed an interest in working part-time to perform custodial duties while Jesse is out. **Motion:** To hire Josh Murphy to perform custodial duties at a cost not to exceed \$5000.00. By Sheila Anson, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved. Artistic Irrigation has been contacted to repair a faulty spicket in the Dick Ayer Field. Bathroom doors at the Pavilion have been repaired and painted by Tim DeRosa
- **Beach/Boat Ramp:** The Town Beach has not yet opened due to there currently being no Beach Director. Connie Chapin reported she has yet to hear back from the previous Director and has several feelers and postings out and circulating. Anyone with interest is asked to contact the Parks and Rec Office at 860-868-1519. Boat Ramp is open and running smoothly. Connie has looked into purchasing a flag pole at a cost of approximately \$200. Caretaker Ralph Averill will take care of raising and lowering the flag if not illuminated.
- **Community Block Party:** Great success. Band was very popular. When planning for next year, the suggestion was made to have garbage cans around the Town Hall and helpers lined up to clean up trash left behind.
- **Summer Camp Update:** Currently there are 43 campers registered. Interviews have been done for CITs and counselors along with Camp Director Brian McCauley. The Rec Department has donated one week of camp free of charge to WPS PTO.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **4<sup>TH</sup> of July Road Race:** Will again be held in Steep Rock. Registration begins at 8:30a.m. with a race start time of 9:00a.m. Sheila Anson will take care of organizing the event.
- **"No Child Left Inside" event:** The CT DEEP is sponsoring this event at Lake Waramaug State park and has asked if Parks and Rec would like to have an informational table at the event. It was decided not to.
- **Pavilion Upkeep:** Connie Chapin has agreed to continue to clean the bathrooms and kitchen on weekends. **Motion:** To approve paying Connie Chapin \$50/day or \$100/weekend for performing this task. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved.

See above under River Walk Park/Fields for performing of custodial duties information. Due to a large plumbing malfunction that occurred during a rental of the Pavilion on May 21, 2022, Connie was called to the Pavilion to assist in dealing with the problem. Because of this, she was not able to fulfill her other job responsibilities causing her loss of income. **Motion:** To reimburse Connie Chapin \$400.00 for damages and lost pay from her officiating job on May 21, 2022 due to her dealing with a plumbing problem at the River Walk Pavilion. By Sheila Anson, seconded by Alice Demeo and unanimously approved.

- **Beach – signs, passes etc.** signs at the Beach need to be spruced up. There was discussion about expanding the permit process to include stickers for cars during Beach hours for Town residents only. Stickers will be ordered. Cost will be \$20 for one car, \$1 for an additional car belonging to the same family.
- **Morning Swim:** Following discussion, the Commissioners agreed to cancel Morning Swim during the summer months. Presently there is no monitor to cover the summer months and with only a few morning swimmers during the summer, the fee charged would not cover the cost of paying a monitor should one be found.
- **Field Hockey Clinics at the Frederick Gunn School:** Currently there are 16-19 participants registered.

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

- Congratulations to all 2022 graduates.
- Congratulations to Shepaug tennis team for advancing to the State semi-finals and the Girls' Softball team for advancing to the quarter finals.
- Kudos to James Alex for climbing to the summit of Alaska's Denali Park.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Clerk