

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
September 12, 2022

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

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Joe Fredlund, Carrie Rowe, Ray Reich, Greg Kraft, Tim Cook. Coordinator Jenn Pote; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order: Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 5:34p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **WPAL Update:** The program is up and running with a new Director, Jen Lathrup, Assistant Director Mike Pringle. A bookkeeper has also been hired. All have years of experience.
- **Beach/Boat Ramp Update:** It was a difficult season at the beach with loss of personnel. Jenn Pote will meet with Co-Director Kate McGarr to review the season and begin planning for next year. There was discussion regarding the cost of the season pass for Washington residents.
Motion: To change the cost of the season pass to \$20 for seniors, \$30 for non-seniors and no charge for Emergency First Responders. By Ray Reich, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved. All went well at the Boat Launch which is now open Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday 6:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. to sunset. The ramp will close for the season on Sunday, October 30th.
- **Pavilion Stalls and Upkeep:** The new bathroom stall dividers have been installed by F & O Carpentry. Jenn Pote and several commissioners met at the pavilion with Mark Showalter, Facilities Director to review upcoming repairs and maintenance. A work day will be scheduled to clean out the sheds, etc.
- **Summer Camp Update:** It was a great season for the camp with the maximum number of attendees. Program Director Brian McCauley will return again next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Beach/Boat Ramp 2023:** Jenn Pote has begun lining up lifeguards for next year. It was also agreed to have one Director (as opposed to Co-Directors). The Director also needs to be on duty Memorial and Labor Day weekends and needs to cover the Boat Ramp during the week even if the Beach is closed due to rain.
- **Morning Swim/Family Swim:** Jenn will be contacting the new Interim Superintendent and will request use of the Shepaug pool for the Morning Swim Program. If approval is granted, Jenn will work on hiring a monitor.
- **Events:** The Billy Joel Field of Dreams concert is scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2022, 6:00p.m. on the Town Hall lawn. Jenn asked the Commissioners to be thinking of programs that could be offered at the Town's various venues. New and old ideas welcome!

- **Harvest Fest** is scheduled for Sunday October 9, 2022 at the River Walk Park. Watch for more details.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: To adjourn the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:56p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. By Tim Cook, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

The Commissioners re-entered the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission at 7.12p.m.
Motion: To approve a payment of \$588.28 to Rachel Stone who assumed the role of Director of the Washington Play and Learn program, working more hours and taking on added responsibility, when the program's co-Director was not able to finish the end of the year due to medical reasons. By Tim Cook, seconded by Carrie Rowe and unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:15p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Greg Kraft and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk