

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes
March 20, 2023

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

Present: Chairman C. J. Kersten; Commissioners Sheila Anson, and Greg Kraft.

Also Present: Community Services Director Jenn Pote

Guests: Simon Holt, Bruce Glickman

Call to Order: Chairman C. J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and noted there was not a quorum present. No vote can go on record.

Approval of Minutes:

Due to the lack of a quorum, the approval of the minutes of the January 23rd and February 13, 2023 meetings of the Washington Parks and Recreation Commission will be tabled until the April meeting.

New Business:

- **Washington Art Association Summer Solstice:** Simon Holt, Executive Director of the Washington Art Association, and Bruce Glickman, organizer of the Summer Solstice, attended the meeting to explain their plans for the annual Summer Solstice that will be held this year at the River Walk Pavilion. They distributed a layout of the area that included the tables, art display area, food trucks, and bar/cocktail tables (see attached). The event is typically held in June but the only available time to rent the pavilion is Saturday, July 22nd. They are requesting set up for the Thursday and Friday before the event and Sunday the day after. They are aware the Association will be paying \$125.00 per day for the four days. The Commission explained if there are over 200 people in attendance, bathrooms are closed and port-a-lets need to be rented. The expected number is 300 – 350 people. There is also a large tent to be set up behind the fireplace area. The Commission needs to review that area where it is going. It was mentioned that Justin Spring from National Iron Bank is organizing a concert on the town hall lawn on the same night as the summer solstice event.
- **Beach Director:** Michael Granata had expressed an interest in being the beach director and after meeting with Jenn, he was offered the position and he accepted. Michael Perachi has been hired as the assistant beach director. There are several lifeguards ready to work this summer!
- **Summer Camp:** The two Washington Play and Learn directors for the after-school program are willing to work at the summer camp in the afternoons to extend the hours of camp. They can be there from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM and Brian McAuley, the camp director, is there until 1:00 PM. Registration begins April 1st. There is also an opportunity to offer an astronomy camp the first week of August in Shepaug's planetarium using software by Slooh; Michael Paolucci, a Washington resident, is the founder of Slooh.
- **Non-Resident Beach Fee:** Jenn has been talking to the Warren Recreation Director about a fee for non-residents to use the town beaches. Discussion included a day pass for non-residents (\$60.00) and passes would need to be picked up at the recreation office with a date of use on them. Lifeguards would rotate to check passes. Signage needs to be specific that parking is for pass holders only.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **LOF summer Lake Tour 2023:** Joe Zeisler of LOF (Leap of Faith) Adaptive Skiers attended last month's requesting a program with the Town of Washington to offer adaptive water skiing to persons with disabilities on Lake Waramaug. The Commission agrees with the principle of the program but it should be up to LOF to consult with the towns of Warren and Kent as well as the lake authorities. It was suggested that the Commission hold off on a decision until all sources have been contacted and perhaps plan for the 2024 season.
- **Election of Officers:** Tabled until next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Anson, Vice Chairman

40x80 Pavilion Space

40x60 Pole Tent

24' Bar in Pavilion

12- Cocktail Tables in Pavilion

2 Lounge Spaces

Bar in 40x60

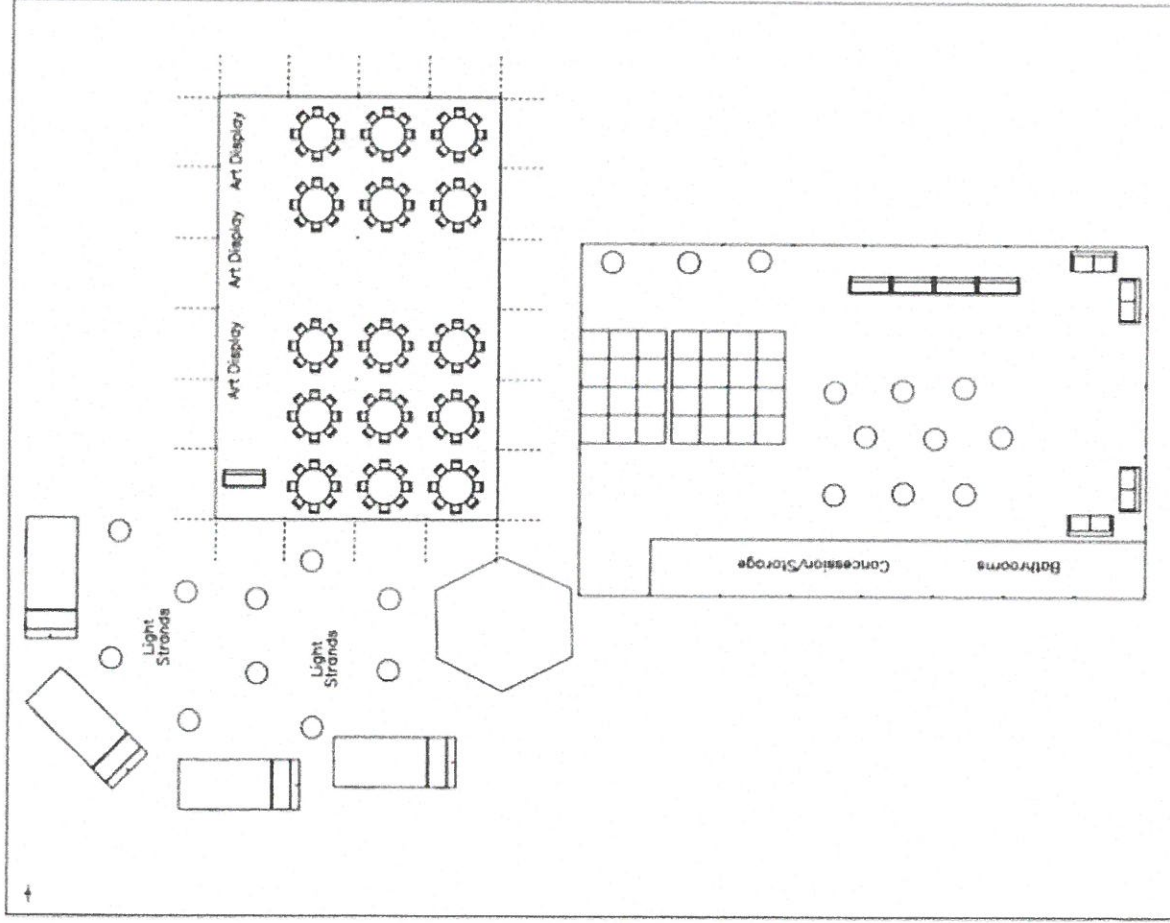
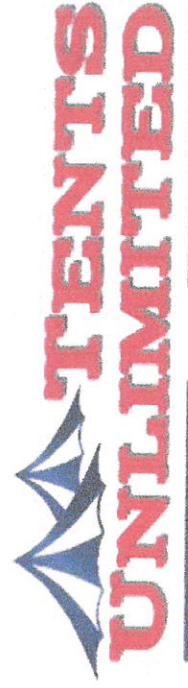
15-5' Rds- Seats 120

Art Display Area In 40x60

Light Strands- Pavilion, 40x60,

Food Truck Area

10- Cocktail Tables- Food Area



**WASHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
2023 MEETING DATES**

Meetings are held at 5:30 PM at the American Legion/Community Service Hall, the River Walk Pavilion, and the Washington Town Beach. Check monthly agendas for location.

January 23rd

February 13th

March 20th

April 10th

May 8th

June 12th

July 10th

No August Meeting

September 11th

October 2nd

November 13th

December 4th