

TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes  
October 12, 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, Greg Kraft, and Ray Reich.

**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 September 12, 2022 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **River of Dreams:** Very cold temperatures so the turnout was not large but all those in attendance enjoyed the performance. It may be time for a change and make it more of an event with food trucks, etc.
- **Pavilion Maintenance:** Mark Showalter, Facilities Coordinator, and Luck Cheney are overseeing the maintenance of the pavilion and the fields. Dave Werkhoven has been hired to mow baseball and softball fields. The plan is to close the pavilion by November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Pickle Ball/Basketball Court:** Discussion of a Pickle Ball Court on the basketball court located on the Washington Primary School playground. Would residents be allowed to play during school hours? There are funds allocated for the basketball court; could those funds be used for a Pickle Ball Court? Where else could the Pickle Ball Court be located? The goal would be to earmark money in the 2023-2024 budget for a Pickle Ball Court.
- **Morning Swim:** Region #12 has approved the use of the pool for Morning Swim on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost would be \$25.00 per month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Harvest Festival – October 9<sup>th</sup>:** Going to be an amazing event! Food trucks, Washington Pizza, Mobile Pub, Vendors and music. Justin Spring from National Iron Bank is organizing the parking. Discussion of town truck as a dumpster and bathrooms being locked. Contact Wyant and Company to pump septic.
- **Bowling Alley:** Sheila met with Mark Showalter about reopening the bowling alley for rental. It needs cleaning and reorganizing. Eventually money should be allocated to replace the bowling alley lanes which have been sanded over the years but worn thin.
- **Volunteer Day:** The plan is to meet on at 9:00 AM on Veterans' Day, Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to work at pavilion.
- **Recreation Management Software:** Discussion of new software for a recreational website.  
**MOTION:** To spend up to \$3300.00 for recreation management software, by Tim Cook, seconded by Greg Kraft, passed unanimously.

**New Business (continued)**

- **Washington Town Beach:** Discussion of fees increasing for the 2023 season. Residents/Seniors/First Responders would be different fees.
- **Dogs after beach closes for season:** Dogs should not be allowed on beach during or after the season.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Anson, Vice Chairman