

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
November 7, 2022

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

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

Call to Order: Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the October 12, 2022 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Tim Cook, seconded by Ray Reich and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Pickle Ball/Basketball:** Jenn Pote reported that the deposit has been sent to Hinding Tennis LLC for painting of the lines for a pickle ball court on the basketball court at the Primary School. There is a possibility that the work can be done over the April Spring Break. If not, it will be done immediately upon the close of school in June.
- **Morning Swim:** The program is running well on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Monitoring duties are being covered by the Radcliff's. The cost is \$25 per month and signups and payment must be completed prior to going to swim.
- **Flag Pole at Town Beach:** There has been several requests made over the years to install a flag pole at the Beach – a free-standing pole in the grassy area as opposed to the one purchased for the beach house. There was discussion as to it's being illuminated at night or requesting the caretaker to raise and lower each day. Mary Anne Greene offered to speak with Ralph Averill, Caretaker.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **MyRec.com:** Jenn Pote and Commissioner Greg Kraft have been researching various web portal programs that would offer information about the Commission, programs offered, the ability to register and to pay for programs, etc. and can be accessed from the Town's website. More information will be gotten and presented to the Commission for a final decision.
- **Open Skate** will begin at the Frederick Gunn School Hockey Rink the Sunday after Thanksgiving and run through the first weekend in March. The cost is \$5 per person per session or \$65 per person for the season. A family can skate for the entire season for \$150.00. The program is co-sponsored by the school and Parks and Rec. with the Commission providing the insurance. Last year, Rumsey Hall School also offered their rink for skating. Jenn Pote will reach out and inquire about the availability this winter.
- **Holiday in the Depot: December 9, 2022:** Jenn has met with members of the Business Association and planning has begun. There was discussion about moving Santa outside so as to prevent congestion in the Town Hall, closing off the Plaza to vehicular traffic and placing the inflatables in the Park behind Barbara Bouyea's or along Titus Road. More discussion and information to follow.

- **River Walk Closing:** The Pavilion will be closed on or about November 15th. Water will be turned off.
- **Volunteer Clean-up-November 11:** Commissioners will meet at the Pavilion on Friday, November 11th, 9:00a.m. to work on clean-up and clearing out of sheds.
- **Rotary Volunteers of the Year:** At the annual Rotary Volunteer Reception held October 7th, Bob Papsin was awarded the Town Government, and Jim McDonough the Emergency Services, Volunteer of the Year Awards. Congratulations to them both!

Next Meeting: December 12, 2022.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:25p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk