

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
September 11, 2023

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

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Steve Inglese, Joe Fredlund, Joanne Kelly, Tim Cook, Greg Kraft, Carrie Rowe. Community Services Director Jenn Pote; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Call to Order: Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 and August 15, 2023 meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Tim Cook, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the 2024 Beach Pass Policy: Motion: To approve the following

Beach Pass Policy for 2024: **Washington Town Beach**
59 East Shore Rd.
New Preston, CT 06777

Season Beach Pass Policies 2024

- Season Beach Pass is available to **residents of Washington only**.
Proof of residency is required when picking up pass at the Parks & Rec office.

Residents Defined: MUST live in the house in Washington, pay taxes on a house in Washington or rent year-round in Washington.

- Season permits **MUST** be purchased online and picked up at Parks & Rec office, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.
- A season beach pass includes a car sticker (for parking) and paper pass. If residents don't use parking lot, you **MUST** show paper pass to enter beach.
No one can walk into the beach area without a pass.
- Sticker **MUST** be adhered to the windshield or will not be allowed to park.
- All guests **MUST** ride with a resident- only exceptions, car seat issues or handicap issues with approval of Parks & Rec Dept.
- Non-residents may purchase a day pass online or at beach.

- Homeowners that rent short-term may purchase a "Vacation" pass to be shared with one renter at a time. **Pass MUST be purchased by Resident.**
****If lost, Replacement fee is \$100****

Sticker Fees and Rates

- Season Resident - \$30 (additional sticker- \$30)
- Resident Senior Citizens (65+)- Free
- First Responders for the town of Washington- Free
- Town of Washington Employees- \$30
- Non-Residents- Day Pass- \$60
- Vacation Pass (only one per residence/per season)- \$100

By Tim Cook, seconded by Greg Kraft and unanimously approved.

- **Beach/Boat Ramp Update:** The Season went well at the Beach and with the guards covering the Boat Launch during the weekdays. Over the winter months, the Commissioners will be discussing any new or additional equipment needed at the beach.
- **Pickle Ball Court:** The Commissioners discussed the construction of Pickle Ball courts for which funding has been approved. The cost of one "post-tension" court is \$54,400 not including fencing. The cost for two asphalt courts is \$57,000. Jenn Pote and Joe Fredlund have had discussions with Hinding Tennis Courts and Facilities Manager, Mark Showalter, and if conditions of the courts are monitored closely, they are comfortable going with the asphalt courts.
Motion: To construct two asphalt Pickle Ball Courts for \$57,000 as opposed to the original plan of constructing one post-tension court for \$54,400. By Tim Cook, seconded by Carrie Rowe and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Fall/Winter Programs: Adult Morning Swim:** Sheila Anson reported that a parent of a 16-year-old has brought his son to Adult Morning Swim. Sheila asked the Commissioners to consider what is considered an "adult" in the event the question about this attendance is questioned. Following discussion, it was decided to table discussion or setting of a policy until it became an issue or a trend. **Pickle Ball:** Jenn is hoping to offer sessions during the fall and winter depending on other uses of the WPS gym.
- **Harvest Festival – October 8th:** Jenn reported that Parks and Recreation is responsible for hiring the band and arranging for the train. Both are secured.

Chairman's Report: C.J. Kersten, on behalf of the Commission, on this 22nd Anniversary of the 9-11 attacks, honored all who lost their lives and gave tribute to all who served.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2023.

Adjournment: As there was no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mary Anne Greene, Clerk