**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Minutes**

**March 12, 2018**

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

**Present:** Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Ray Reich, Tim Cook, Joe Fredlund, Sheila Anson, Carrie Rowe. Coordinator Jeff Hammond; Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

**Call to Order:** C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

* **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Tim Cook, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Pop-up Park: Dan Sherr** was not able to attend this evenings meeting but has requested he be put on the agenda of a future meeting. Jeff Hammond said that following last month’s meeting, he explained concerns that the Parks and Rec Commissioners had to Dan – those being liability, dangers arising out of being close to the road, etc. and the Commission’s first priority is to concentrate on the Town’s parks - for which the Commission is responsible.
* **Field Manager:** This new position was presented to the Board of Selectmen at the Commissions budget workshop. Duties will be performed for both the Commission and the Buildings and Properties Commission. Jeff will speak with Mark Lyon to try to determine a timeline so that the position can be advertised. Spring clean-up will need to be done, pre-opening preparations, etc.
* **4th of July:** The parade idea has been put off until next year to allow more time for planning of the event. However, the Barbecue and Concert will take place July 4th, 2018 at 2:00p.m. at the Pavilion. Jeff has contacted Roger Cannavaro re: one of his bands playing and the Fire Department regarding their cooking. The Town’s ADA Coordinator, Leslie Anderson, has requested that every effort be made to keep the handicapped parking spaces available to those who may need it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Fields-Clay:** Jeff reminded the Commissioners of funds left in the Town’s General Fund for the purchase of clay and/or maintenance on the fields. Joe Fredlund reported that the fields need work – soil tests have indicated the need for lime, etc. Joe., C.J. and Tim will check all fields and get back to Jeff.
* **Parks & Rec Survey:** Jeff asked Commissioners to submit questions and ideas for inclusion in a survey - i.e. what types of programs, activities, would people like to see; what would they be willing to pay; special celebrations, weekend activities, new camp offerings, etc.
* **COORDINATOR’S REPORT:**

**What’s Happening?**

* + Fourth of July: With the consensus to postpone the parade aspect of our 4th of July celebration I have begun to move forward with concert and BBQ. The Fire Department is discussing the idea of cooking at their next meeting in the next week or so. I have spoken to Roger Cannavaro about Flashback playing the event. He has told me that it should be all set but is confirming with the band and their summer schedule.
  + Summer Rec and Camps: It was recently brought to my attention that, due to the start of construction and repairs for the AgStem expansion, Parks & Rec will not have use of Shepaug this summer. At this time I believe that we will have use of the WPS cafeteria and gym as an alternate but am waiting for final confirmation before rolling out the registration forms. In light of this change of venue and lack of pool, I am looking into the purchase of a portable GaGa Ball court. It’s a fun, fast-paced game similar to dodgeball.
  + Pool Usage: As mentioned above, Shepaug facilities will not be available this summer. This will also impact pool usage for Summer Swim Team and Adult Morning Swim. Options for accessibility are still being discussed.
  + Everything Else…We have our annual Mohegan Sun casino trip scheduled for Sunday, March 25th. Please help spread the word if you know anyone who may be interested. I’d like to ask everyone to please keep an eye on our Facebook page. Please share my posts about events and such to help get the word out.
* **Activities/Events:** There has not been any further communication with regard to Parks & Rec participation in the Washington Art Association Sculpture Walk.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene

Clerk