**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Minutes**

**July 18, 2016**

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

**Present:** Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Ray Reich, Sheila Anson, Tim Cook.

Clerk Mary Anne Greene.

**Call to Order:** Chairman C.J. Kersten called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m. noting there was not a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

* **As there was not a quorum present, minutes of the June 20, 2016 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission could not be approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Beach/Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported he has met with Beach Director, Jeff Cox. All is going well and the beach area looks beautiful.
* **River Walk Park:** Pavilion Attendant, Liz Gugel, has asked:1) that the sweep that was installed on the doorway to the storage room be removed due to the inability to role the table and chair carts out. Tim Cook will look into this. 2) the septic system be pumped. 3) plumbing repairs be made in the restrooms. C.J. Kersten will follow up with Lisa Easter/Tom Osborne.

Sheila Anson reported that all reports from the Swanson/Horrigan tournament were great! The suggestion was made to consider building a roof cover over the grill area. C.J. will speak with Botchie Swanson.

C.J. spread the mulch in the playground area. Thank you!

Sheila has been told that the Nick Platt Field in New Preston is in need of attention. Tim Cook will check.

Tim Cook will measure for netting on the visitor side of Ted Alex Field for safety reasons.

Wind screens for the tennis courts and Joe Martin Field dug-outs need to be ordered.

* **Bocce Courts:** C.J. reported that Michael Gorra has offered to write a fundraising letter. Ray Reich voiced his concern about the long-term maintenance of the courts and how or where equipment will be stored.
* **Fireworks:** The Commissioners thanked Ray Reich for a wonderful Last Blast and for his many years of organizing this Town event. Ray submitted a preliminary report showing income for this year’s show as $29,458 and expenses as $38,800. Of particular note, was the decline in VIP pass sales – last year 42, this year 28. General car pass sales were also down. A final report will be submitted once all the bills are received and paid.
* **River Park** (behind Park’s Drug): No report.
* **After School Program:** Applications for Director and Assistant Director are due by July 22nd. A resident of Town has emailed Sheila Anson with some concerns over Parks and Rec sponsoring the program. The Commissioners discussed and felt, while the concerns were certainly valid, they may not apply to how the program will actually be run.
* **Concert:** No report.
* **Octoberfest:** No report.
* **SUP Yoga:** No report.

**COORDINATOR’S Report:** Lisa Easter submitted the following via email:

# **Coordinator’s Report JULY 2016**

**ADULT MORNING SWIM**- ongoing Monday – Friday 5:45 am to 7:30 am. $20/month

**Baseball/Softball/Spring Soccer**- Information online at [www.shepaugbaseballsoftball.com](http://www.shepaugbaseballsoftball.com) and [www.shepaugsoccerclub.com](http://www.shepaugsoccerclub.com).

**BOOTCAMP**- With Deb Andrews -Winter @ WPS Gym, 5:45-6:45 am, Tuesdays & Thursdays $10/class

**GET FIT!** – With Melissa Evans, Sundays 7:30 am, First Congregational Church, $10/class

**STROLLER BOOTCAMP-** Lauren Werkhoven info TBA

**BUS TRIPS: TBA**

**KARATE:** Ongoing Mondays and Wednesdays at Montessori School.

**MASTER’S TRI SWIM** – Dom Gillen is the Director, waiting on a follow up.

**SUMMER CAMPS:**

**Summer Rec Camp**- Attendance week 1- 57; week 2- 65; week 3- 54; week 4-56; week 5-49. Total = 281

Afternoon Camps-

 July 5-8-- Span Art --- attendance 12

 July 11-15 – Tennis Camp --- attendance 16

 July 18-22 - Shark Tank for Guppies ---cancelled—only 8 sign ups ---

 July 25-29- Multi Sport Camp --- sign ups so far 18

**June Camps-**

Summer Swim Team**-** Jill Linder will be running the team this year. **28 Signed up- Going GREAT**!!

 Ace Baseball June 20 -23 and June 27-30 from 9am – 1pm. $100/session **No report yet**.

 June 27th – July 1st Star Wars LEGO Camp 9am-3pm Shepaug Cafeteria **18 attended**!!

June 27 – July 1st Shepaug Girls Basketball Camp**-** Coach Karen Puskas. For Girls in grades 5-9 in the fall. Held at Shepaug School Gym. **No report yet**.

**July Camps-**

 July 11-15 Tennis Lessons --- 8 attended

 July 11-15 Dimensions Basketball Camp--- Aprox. 30 attended- **no report yet**.

**August Camps**-

 Aug. 8 -12 Berkshire Field Hockey Camp to be held at the Gunnery. $80.00

 Aug. 8-12 How Cool is That?! Science Camp 9:00 am – 12:00 noon SVMHS cafeteria $145.00

  **9 signed up so far.**

 Aug. 15-19 Multi Sport Camp 9:00 am – 4:00pm / Sport Squirts Camp 4:30-5:30 pm River Walk Park

  **17 signed up so far.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Gilmore Girls:** Mark Lyon forwarded an email to Parks and Rec and the Economic Development Committee he had received from Jennie Whitaker from Seedling-Communications – an advertising and public relations agency – regarding the possibility of holding an event in Washington in connection with the revival of Gilmore Girls on Netflix. The Economic Development Committee has expressed interest in pursuing this with Ms. Whitaker.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** C. J. Kersten reported the following:

* **Remembering Robin Droessler** – celebrate the life of “Miss Robin” – long time school bus driver and annual water station helper at the 4th of July road race!
* **Congratulations to Tom and Ashley Farmen** on their retirement from Rumsey Hall where Tom served as Headmaster for 31 years!
* **Congratulations to the Fredlund Family** on the marriage of Sarah!
* **Happy July Birthday to Joe Fredlund, Carrie Rowe, Mary Anne Greene, and Tim Cook!**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk