

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
February 9, 2020

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

Present: Chairman C.J. Kersten, Commissioners Sheila Anson, Whitney Ryan, Ray Reich, Tim Cook, Joe Fredlund, Alice Demeo. Coordinator Jeff Hammond; 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 February 20, 2020 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Tim Cook, seconded by Sheila Anson and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Movie Night:** Jeff Hammond reported that the Movie Night held in place of a winter festival, on February 29th was a great success. Hoping to offer more movies, he has been working with the Gunn Memorial Library and Parks and Rec can use their license for the right to show movies without having to pay the \$400-\$500 fee each time. Any promotion of the movie would need to include "Sponsored by Gunn Memorial Library". Jeff is also looking into purchasing a larger screen. Special thanks was given to the Barr family for staying after the movie to assist in clean up!
- **July Concert:** Will be held July 25, 2020 at the Pavilion. There will be two bands featured and two food trucks. Justin Springer of the National Iron Bank is working with Jeff and has offered to provide t-shirts for staff and volunteers. The event may be called "Summer in the Country – Country in the Summer".
- **Beach House:** Ralph Averill has officially moved into the Beach House taking over responsibility as caretaker of the Beach. The house has been completely repainted and minor repairs made.
- **Dug Out Roof:** Several estimates have been received for replacing the roof on the home team dug out at the Ted Alex Field. Following discussion, several commissioners felt that they and other volunteers could do the work – getting the materials and supplies through the Washington Supply.
- **Tennis Courts:** Nets are up!
- **Pickle Ball:** Jeff will check with Kenyon Clark re: painting of the lines for the courts.
- **Maintenance Shed:** several locations have been mentioned for placement of the shed if the funding is approved in next year's budget. Following discussion this evening, it was thought the best placement would be between the tennis courts and the Dick Ayer field.
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NEW BUSINESS:

- **Full Moon Hike with Steep Rock:** Steep Rock will be leading this hike on April 7th, 2020 from 6:00-8:30p.m. Hike will begin at the Macricostas Preserve.
- **Community Block Party:** June 5, 2020. Jeff will contact the "Wool Hats" to perform 6:00-8:00p.m.

- **September Concert:** Jeff will invite River of Dreams Billy Joel Tribute to again perform given the support of the Commission.
- **Tennis Court screening:** Thank you to Matt Muszala for donating screening for the tennis court fencing
- **Casino Trip:** The suggestion has been made to again offer the Casino Trip as there appears to be interest. It was decided to postpone a decision on this until more is learned about the coronavirus.
- **Coordinator's Report:** Jeff Hammond submitted the following report:
 - **Movie Night:** As you all know, in place of a winter festival event, Parks & Rec hosted a movie night on Leap Day, February 29th. I think it was a great success. At least 60 people were in attendance. Kids were running around having a blast before, during and after the movie. Lots of popcorn was popped! On the heels of that successful event, I am looking toward offering more movies for both kids and adults. I have been in talks with the Gunn Memorial Library and have found that, with them co-sponsoring the event, we can make use of licenses that they already have. With that said, I am looking into purchasing a new screen.
 - **Beach House:** The beach house, as of March 1st has been turned over to Ralph Averill. I believe he will do a fine job looking over the property. Prior to signing the lease, the beach house interior was repainted and a few minor repairs made. The exterior will be power washed when weather permits.
 - **Full Moon Hike:** Rory Larson and Steep Rock will be leading another Full Moon Hike this year on Tuesday, April 7th from 6-8:30pm at the Macricostas Preserve.
 - **Upcoming Concerts:** I am looking for suggestions for bands for the upcoming Community Block Party in June. Also, do we want to continue to invite River of Dream Billy Joel Tribute back for our September concert?

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- **Congratulations to Fran and Whitney Ryan** on Fran's acceptance as Head of School at the Broadwater Academy in Virginia! The Ryan's will be leaving Rumsey Hall after thirty years and are looking forward to this next chapter. The Commission offered its best wishes, noting that Whit's participation and active involvement on this Commission will be missed!
- **Belated December Birthday Wishes to Alice Demeo!**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mary Anne Greene
 Clerk