

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

April 5, 2021, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL – Everyone present except Jeff Perrella & Liz Chacko
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING – no comments
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – Scott Katz - no report
- BOARD of EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT – Rob Garrison - Schools are virtual this week, following spring break. CDC guidelines have been changed; schools will adjust. Email regarding Elm Street tennis courts will be sent to Don & Heather.
- DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Don Bogardus - LAX lines were painted on Sid Fey, Houlihan already had the lines but others were touched up. Lauren will update on what summer playground camp will look like this summer at Memorial and Tamaques parks. Construction prevents camp from happening at the elementary schools this summer. Rink is down. No update on Gumbert basketball courts. Don will inspect with Greg O’Neill and Ken Anderson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL:** - Heather Re - Pool opens in two months. Covers will come off in the next few weeks. 3,000 members to date. No update on swim lessons or swim teams. Follow up emails regarding membership will be sent out. Filter is back from repair shop, Paul will install. Open positions are lifeguards and landscaper.
- **PARKS & FIELDS:** - Brad Rothenberg - No update on EIS field. Final numbers for the Rink are as follows.
 - Total Public Session attendance:
 - 19-20 season - approx. 7,500 people (104 sessions with 74/session)
 - 20-21 season - approx. 11,500 people (113 sessions with 102/session)
 - Total Learn To Skate attendance:
 - 19-20 season - 94 lessons for 84 participants
 - 20-21 season - 431 lessons for 368 participants
 - Total Family Hockey attendance:
 - 19-20 season - 23 sessions with 20/session
 - 20-21 season - 34 sessions with 32/session
 - Total Ice Rental time:
 - 19-20 season - 466 hrs
 - 20-21 season - 501 hrs

- **FINANCE:** - Amy Berman - Fees need to be determined for playground camp; training will be available for counselors.
- **PROGRAMS:** Linda Johnson - Spring season is doing very well; most offerings are requiring 2 sessions due to selling out. Mini field hockey camp, Adult, and youth pickleball, Fencing, Legos and disc golf are just a few to mention. Brightwood Park programs are taking off and new offerings of Yoga and Wellness for adults and Welcome Spring for the younger population.
- **MEDIA RELATIONS:** - Russ Howell - No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Grills at Tamaques - Don will find out from Richie at DPW when they will be installed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clara Christian, Veronica's Garden Phase 2, Mindowaskin Park – Monies left over from fundraising, so she would like to plant more perennials especially since DPW has cleared the hill behind the garden. Amy made a motion to approve, Russ second. All approved

Adam Pizzi, Screening Event, Tamaques Park – brand new idea, would like to have event on July 7, 2021. Since there is some time Russ made a motion to bring to committee, Amy second.

James Leitner, Race in Tamaques Park – After discussion, Don would like to discuss a different date when the park is not as busy with Baseball & Softball. Monica made a motion to approve, Amy second.

Baseball Camp at Gumbert – Don is going to discuss with the camp director as members of commission thought the current rates were excessive.

Westfield Baseball Picnic Tables – Currently there are tables in between G2 & G3, Baseball would like to dedicate 5 tables at G1 in memory of John Monahan. Russ made a motion to approve, Amy second. All approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All Correspondences were e-mailed to the Commission Members

Dates to Remember:

Next Scheduled Commission Meeting – Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:30pm