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**Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**April 23, 2018**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Recreation Commission Members Present:

- Paul Aries
- Joyce Cannon
- Lynn Connors
- Ann Delaney
- Mitch Katzman
- Sheila Moylan
- Bob Phillips
- Elizabeth Phillips
- Paul Tucceri

Recreation Staff Present:

- Nicole Banks, Recreation Director
- Rich Adams, Business Manager
- Taryn Crocker, Program Administrator

Consent Agenda:

- Motion to accept the March 19, 2018 Recreation Commission Meeting minutes: motioned by Joyce Cannon, Bob Phillips seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

- Chuck Sheehan, Westwood Youth Soccer Field Coordinator, spoke regarding the field needs for soccer. He explained that soccer has over 800 kids in the spring program, and that requires many practices and games. Mr. Sheehan requested a fair allocation of the fields for soccer and lacrosse. He expressed that one night a week on the multi-purpose field is not enough time for the Youth Soccer program. He would like one more night for Youth Soccer on the multi-purpose field.
- Kathy Malloy, representing Boys' Lacrosse addressed the issue of youth team's infighting and expressed that she does not want to see this negatively impact the town of Westwood and the youth athletes. She shared that she would like to have a year-long schedule, where lacrosse would be less of a priority in the fall and more in the Spring as their spring season is an 8-week schedule.
- Paul Tucceri made the suggested options for splitting the fields for use by two teams.
- Tony Mullin, representing Westwood Youth Soccer and the Westwood School Committee, addressed the issue of not wanting to be involved in turf wars.
- Paul Aries suggested a meeting between the Recreation Department, Youth Soccer and Youth Lacrosse to discuss the plan going forward. The president and field scheduler for each youth league needs to be present at the meeting, and they need to come prepared

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to discuss their specific field needs. Paul Aries will moderate the meeting, and the meeting needs to be scheduled for May prior to the end of the month. A desired outcome of the meeting is an equitable field assignment process that can be used going forward. The field utilization statistics for Spring 2018 will be used as a basis for the discussion. There will be no changes to Spring, 2018 Field Schedule through June as a result of this meeting.

- Elizabeth Phillips suggested that the town of Medfield be examined as a point of reference for their process of equitable field distribution.
- Rich Adams, Westwood Recreation Business Manager and Taryn Crocker, Westwood Recreation Program Administrator, shared the Field Usage Statistics to date.

#### Director/Staff Report: Nicole Banks, Westwood Recreation Director

- Summer Camp/Playground Camp Update:
  - In the process of adjusting Week One of camp from June 25-29 to June 27-29 due to snow days pushing out the last day of school.
  - Weeks 3 (July 9-13) and 4 (July 16-20) of Summer Camp are full.
  - Week 5 of Playground Camp is almost full and all other weeks have openings.
- Event Update:
  - Westwood Recreation will have a table at the Westwood Little League Parade on Saturday, April 28.
  - The Fishing Derby will take place on Saturday, May 12 from 7:00 – 11:00 AM and volunteers are needed. Please email Jodi Steverman if you are able to volunteer: [jsteverman@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:jsteverman@townhall.westwood.ma.us)
  - Fireman's Foam will take place on Wednesday, July 11 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM. A generous donation was received from the family of Eddie Thomson for the event.
- Project Update:
  - Tot-Lot Playground: the equipment has been purchased, and we are waiting on an installation date.
  - Islington Center Redevelopment Project: memo of department support. A space will be provided across the street in the basement for Recreation programming. Updates are located on Westwood website under "Community and Economic Development Projects"

#### Other Items:

- Paul Tucceri would like to move the public comment in the meeting schedule to prior to approval of the minutes.
- Paul Tucceri would like to look at the minutes from last meeting to be able to clarify the status of "youth sport" vs. "for-profit."
- Add to agenda for next meeting to request a copy of the "non-profit" status of teams to be requested at the time of field permits.
- Paul Aries will be resigning from the Recreation Commission as his busy schedule is keeping him away from home.

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Upcoming Meetings:

- May 21 at 7:00 PM: Champagne Meeting Room, Carby Street
- June 25 at 7:00 PM: Champagne Meeting Room, Carby Street

Motion to adjourn: Mitch Katzman, seconded by Joyce Cannon at 8:48pm.