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Recreation Commission Meeting

August 20, 2018

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM on August 20, 2018

Recreation Commission Members Present:

Joyce Cannon
Lynn Connors
Mitch Katzman
Sheila Moylan
Bob Phillips
Paul Tucceri

Recreation Staff Present:

Nicole Banks
Rich Adams

Public Comment:

Antigone Grasso a resident made four requests for the Recreation Department and Commission to consider regarding Summer Camp registration:

1. Prioritize resident registration by staggering resident/non-resident registration
2. Increase the amount of capacity for children in summer camp at the high school
3. Open registration earlier than March
4. Offer additional camp or programming for the weeks in August before school begins

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of minutes: June 25, 2018 motion to approve Paul Tucceri; Joyce Cannon seconded
- b. Monthly Recreation Report: June, 2018
- c. 2018-2019 Contact List and Terms Review

Director/Staff Reports:

- Nicole Banks, Recreation Director:
 - Summer Programming Update:
 - Continue the trend to be busier and busier and the goal continues to be to provide high quality and safe programming
 - The Recreation Department has amazing staff and no mid-season slump
 - Check out our Facebook page and the Westwood Media Center for a video highlighting summer activities
 - Westwood Day Update:
 - No major changes since the June report.
 - Everything is on task
 - Focused on getting Adult Volunteers and finalizing the entertainment schedules
 - Volunteer shifts are posted on the Westwood Day website (www.WestwoodDay.com); we really need adult volunteers
 - Field/Courts Updates:

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- The Hitting Wall has been installed at Downey
- WHS tennis courts warranty repair is scheduled
- WHS lighting review at Planning Board public hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7:00 at Carby Street
- Playground Updates:
 - The Tot Lot Grand Opening event is Saturday, September 15, from 3:00 – 6:00 PM
 - June Street perimeter and equipment installation begins this month. Sheila will organize volunteers to help with spreading safety surfacing.
- Pool Updates:
 - A grant is in place from Green Community for a thermal cover for the pool.
 - The project has been reviewed by Sue Perry, the Aquatics Director, and some safety issues are currently being analyzed.
- Recreation General:
 - The pool lobby HVAC equipment installation contractor selected
 - Review of storage shed options to provide recreation equipment storage near tennis courts is currently underway
- Rich Adams, Business Manager:
 - Westwood Day Entertainment:
 - There has been a great deal of discussion regarding payment for the Westwood Day entertainment acts
 - In 2017 two acts were paid this year we have agreed to pay a third entertainer
 - The Recreation Commission would like to see minimal budget usage in this area with highlights being on local community bands.
- Field Discussion:
 - Nicole currently meeting with the new football organization to review their field schedule request and organization details.
 - Recreation Commission Member comments:
 - A lot of teams accessing the fields and not paying as “residents”.
 - There are some field scheduling issues that need to be resolved prior to setting the Spring, 2019 schedule.
 - Questions about which organizations in Westwood are for profit or non-profit; this will need to be reviewed.
 - Larger field discussion and update is scheduled for the October 22, 2018 Recreation Commission meeting.

Next Meeting:

September 17, 2018 in the Champagne Meeting Room, Carby Street

Adjourn:

Motion by Joyce Cannon; seconded by Sheila Moylan at adjourn at 8:36pm.