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Recreation Commission Meeting 4/25/16

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM at Westwood Public Library.

Recreation Commission attendees: Paul Aries, Ann Delaney, Mitch Katzman, Dave Reilly, Lynn Connors, Elizabeth Phillips, Sheila Moylan and Bob Phillips. Absent: Joyce Cannon.

Recreation staff attendees: Nicole Banks

Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the meeting minutes of March 28, 2016 was made by Dave Reilly, seconded by Elizabeth Phillips. Passed unanimously.

Commission Member Reports:

Ann Delaney reported that the Comprehensive Master Plan Committee has not yet convened meetings. Nicole indicated that the Community and Economic Development Committee has been tied up with other projects and are looking to add staff as well and meetings will likely resume once they add staff and some other projects wrap up. Paul asked if the Comprehensive Master Plan will address plans for the new police station but we do not believe that it will.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Report of the Director:

There will be a Deerfield Field Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, April 30 with a ribbon cutting ceremony immediately following the Westwood Little League Parade which begins at 9 AM. Selectman Mike Walsh will say a few words as part of the ceremony. Retiring Selectman Pat Ahearn will toss out the ceremonial first pitch to officially open the fields. Commission members are invited to attend.

26th Annual Fishing Derby scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 7 – 11 AM at Buckmaster Pond. Free for children to participate, \$10 adult fee. Prizes will be awarded and there will be towel giveaways and fishing gear from Bass Pro. Event sponsored by North Walpole Fish & Game, Westwood Permanent Fire Fighters Local 1994, and Bass Pro Shop.

Westwood Recreation program survey will be highlighted in the summer brochure and a link to the survey will be prominently featured on the Westwood Rec website. There will be additional promotion on Facebook and via the Recreation email list.

Summer program brochure will go out on or before May 10. It includes all the summer program listings from the Spring/Summer brochure as well as some additional offerings. The Playground program will be featured as many summer camp weeks are at full capacity with long waitlists. Playground will offer transportation option for children enrolled in the Enrichment program at Thurston MS.

The Pool UV contract has been awarded to South Shore Gunitite Pool. The installation date is yet to be determined. This UV system represents a technical improvement for the pool and will allow for a reduction in chloramines leading to improved water and air quality. There could be a slight reduction in the use of chemical additives but chlorine will continue to be used as a form of disinfectant.

Summer staff update – The first round of interviews and offers have been completed for open program positions in Aquatics, Sports, Camp and other summer programs. There will be additional job postings as there remain several openings.

Field Update:

Annual playground inspections will continue to utilize contracted inspection service. For maintenance and repair work, the DPW now has an employee who is certified.

June Street Playground: waiting for a quote for replacement equipment.

The Westwood Lodge field use agreement to be updated to include use of the field by youth leagues.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2016 at Westwood Public Library.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM made by Dave Reilly, seconded by Ann Delaney. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connors