

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
May 22, 2023

Recreation board members present: Sheila Moylan, Ann Delaney, Katie Collins, Mitch Katzman, Theresa Ann Laham, Fouad Matar

Invited Attendee: none

Recreation Staff members present: Rich Adams, Susan Perry

Call to order: 7:06 pm, May 22, 2023

Public Comment:

- none

Consent Agenda:

- a) Motion to approve the consent agenda: Theresa Ann Laham moved to approve the consent agenda, Fouad Matar seconded. Unanimously passed, no nays.
- b) Motion to approve the minutes: Theresa Ann Laham moved to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes, Mitch Katzman seconded. Minutes approved. Passed unanimously.

Commission Member Reports:

- a) Commission Leadership needs to be approved next month
 - i) Contact Rich by Thursday, June 11th

Monthly Report:

- a) Westwood day planning has begun
 - a. Coordinating with Police, Fire, and DPW
- b) Pool Deck Sneak Peek
 - a. Well received with 50 people attended
- c) Fields opened in April for spring sports

Director/Staff Report:

- a) Events Update
 - Fishing Derby
 - i. Lower attendance than usual (~100 participants)
 - ii. Plan to place A-frames next year for advertising
 - iii. Coordinate with Wildlife and Fishery to stock the pond closer to the date and possibly have a “golden trout”
- b) Therapeutic Rec Specialist
 - Approval to hire Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
 - Will oversee all inclusive programming
 - Job should be posted Wednesday, May 24th. Can hire as early as July 1, 2023

- c) Program Updates
 - o Summer
 - i. Fully staffed
 - ii. Researching liability insurance policy for inflatables
 - iii. Added more programming due to high demand
- d) Aquatics Update
 - o Winter 2023: Working with the High School to resolve a scheduling conflict between swim team schedule and swim lessons for young children due to change in the high school start time
- e) Fields/Facilities
 - o Pickleball
 - i. Reviewing two locations: COA and Sheehan
 - ii. Possible piece of land near the COA behind Thurston on town land
 - o School Street Playground
 - i. Two new elements installed. Waiting on the swing. Waiting to erect the new spider web
 - ii. Removed seesaw, swing, and rotating circle
 - iii. Recommended educating the community on changes to the playground and updates throughout the process

Other items not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours in advance of the meeting:

- none

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 tentative meeting date

Motion to adjourn by Ann Delaney, second by Theresa Ann Laham passed unanimously.
Recreation Commission May 22, 2023 meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Submitted by Katie Collins