

**APPROVED 12/18/2023**

MINUTES  
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
November 20, 2023

**Recreation board members:** Sheila Moylan, Katie Collins, Theresa Ann Laham, Kyle Piche, Mitch Katzman

**Invited Attendee:**

**Recreation Staff members present:** Rich Adams, Sue Perry

**Call to order:** 7:04pm, November 20, 2023

**Public Comment:** none

**Consent Agenda:**

- a) Motion to approve the consent agenda: Theresa Ann Laham moved to approve the consent agenda, Kyle Piche seconded. Unanimously passed, no nays.
- b) Motion to approve the minutes: Theresa Ann Laham moved to approve the October 16, 2023 minutes, Mitch Katzman seconded. Minutes approved. Passed unanimously.

**Monthly Report:**

- a) Fall numbers are up 10% over last year
- b) Mock meet was successful - 130 swimmers in addition to parent volunteers. Opportunity for new swimmers and volunteers to see how a meet operates.

**Commission Member reports:**

- a) none

**Director/Staff report:**

- a) Summer Stats
  - a. Expenses grew at same rate as revenue
  - b. Volleyball and lacrosse sports did not run this summer which led to decrease in sports enrollment
  - c. Scholarship money is funded via Community Chest and Westwood Rec dept
- b) Winter Programs
  - a. Brochure
    - i. Submitted to the printer on Friday November 17
    - ii. Will be mailed in approximately 2 weeks
    - iii. Recreation office now opens at 9am to align better with programming
    - iv. Two new inclusive programs: The Underground and Inclusive West Wood Derby
  - b. Registration
    - i. Residents - December 7 @ 12pm
    - ii. Non-Residents - December 8 @ 12pm

- c. Deerfield Space
  - i. Westwood Recreation has permission to run programming 2nd half of winter (mid-February - June).
  - ii. Programming will most likely require parent drop offs
- c) Winter Swim Team
  - a. Numbers have increased
    - i. Over 200 swimmers
  - b. Need for high school students to stay and be a role model for younger swimmers
- d) Fields/Facilities
  - a. Pickleball
    - i. Continue to look for space to fit three pickleball courts
    - ii. Rich has sent a list of options to Chris Coleman to share with Select Board
    - iii. Rich added funding for the court to the town's Capital Improvement Plan
    - iv. Sheehan
      - 1. Town doesn't want to build courts that might possibly get torn down if Sheehan is rebuilt
    - v. C.O.A./Thurston
      - 1. On school land
      - 2. Thurston will need rehab work. Town prefers to not build near a school that needs rehab
      - 3. Safety of a court that close to the baseball field
    - vi. Land behind softball fields
      - 1. Too close to gas lines
    - vii. Sand volleyball court by high school
      - 1. On school land
      - 2. Parking tight
      - 3. Has the most potential
    - viii. Land near Deerfield
      - 1. Unclear on the future of Deerfield
    - ix. First Parish lot
      - 1. Land would need to be cleared
      - 2. Most expensive option
    - x. Pending engineering evaluation, the Westwood Recreation Board recommends that we install a pickleball court at the sand volleyball court located at the Westwood High School
      - 1. Mitch Katzman moved to make the recommendation, Kyle Piche seconded. Unanimously passed, no nays.

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

- none

**Next meeting:** Monday, December 18, 2023 tentative meeting date

Motion to adjourn by Theresa Ann Latham, second by Kyle Piche passed unanimously.  
Recreation Commission November 20, 2023 meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Submitted by Katie Collins