

# MINUTES

## Westfield Recreation Commission

February 6, 2023, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL - Megan Schaffer, Roselle Schjong, Liz Chacko and Rob Benacchio (BOE) absent.
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, December 5, 2022, Meeting - Amy Berman made a motion to approve, Ron Feldman seconded. All approved
- CHAIRPERSON REPORT - Jenn Gilman wanted to address some of the comments regarding the pool fees. Memorial Pool is a utility which receives no tax dollars from the town. If it can't meet its debt, then the tax dollars would have to make up the difference. minimum wage has increased, the pool needs to be competitive with staff salaries. Costs for supplies have increased.
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING -
  - Eagle Scout Presentation - Gavin Dokko - With the assistance of FOBP, Gavin would like to prepare waddles from branches and then cover with woodchips from the conservation center to build up the side of the pond that is eroding from the years the tire swing and fishermen used the same path. Jenn Gilman made a motion to delay and do some research with the town engineer, Monica seconded. All approved.
  - Friends of Brightwood Park - Would like to scatter native plant seeds and also increase the Pollinator Garden that was started last year. Russ Howell made a motion to approve, Jeff Perrella seconded. Ron made the comment to check with DPW/Greg O'Neill - all approved.
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - Scott Katz would like to share that there is a House of Worship tour on February 25 from 1-3:45. Town Council is working on the Budget. Presentations will be on March 14, March 28 and the vote is April 25, 2023
- BOARD of EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT - No Report
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Dan Conte - Jenn apologized that she did not introduce Dan during her Chairperson portion but would like to welcome Dan as the Assistant Director of the Department. Dan is getting himself familiar with the department and the town.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL: Tony Stewart** -
  - Employee packets were sent out to past employees.
  - Now hiring Lifeguards, Managers, Maintenance & Front desk
  - 2023 fees were approved by Mayor and Council
  - Membership renewal packets are going out this week to past members.
- **PARKS: Monica Bergin** - All Windsor Park equipment for phase 2 has been ordered. Communication boards have been ordered. FOBP brought their material that they wanted placed in the kiosk this evening. Dan will install. Mindowaskin repairs will happen in March. Tamaques bathrooms are moving along all supplies have been ordered.
- **FIELDS: No report**
- **FINANCE: Amy Berman** - All reports were sent to commissioners .
- **PROGRAMS: Jeff Perrella/Linda Johnson** -
  - Me and My Gal dance on March 12, 2023 at The Westwood is sold out!
  - Build Westfield with Legos on February 11, 2023 has been moved to RIS Cafeteria - volunteers needed.
  - Now Hiring for Summer playground camp.
  - Spring Program brochure is out!

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Cupids Chase is on February 11, 2023, at Tamaques Park 6:00AM-2:00PM

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Soccer Shelter Proposal - Sid Fey/Houlihan Russ Howell made a motion to approve splitting the cost with Westfield Soccer, Ron Feldman seconded - approved.
- Brightwood Park Event request - Native plant sale - all approved.
- Mission Clearwater on July 22, 2023 - renewal event request - all approved.
- 2023 Summer Playground fee approvals - \$410 (early bird) \$465 registrations - approved.

**Dates to Remember:** *Scheduled Commission Meetings are on Mondays at 7:30pm,*

March 6, 2023	June 5, 2023	September 11, 2023	November 6, 2023
April 3, 2023	July 10, 2023	October 2, 2023	December 4, 2023
May 1, 2023	No August meeting		