

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

March 6, 2023, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL - Amy Berman and Russ Howell absent.
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, December 5, 2022, Meeting - Jeff Perrella made a motion to approve, Joe Schaffer seconded. All approved
- CHAIRPERSON REPORT - Jenn Gilman congratulated Megan on being a mom! Trees are being taken down in Mindowaskin Park some by DPW, some by private companies all are being replaced with new and mature trees.
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING -
 - 5th grade Girls Scout Troop 40850 from McKinley School - Working on their Bronze award. Would like to build and have DPW install Birdhouses, Bat boxes and Little Library of Essentials in Tamaques woods, Brightwood and Mindowaskin Playground area. All motions were seconded and all approved!
 - Ann Friedman 34 Tamaques Way - Loves the pool! She would like to see water aerobics for adults of all ages be offered. Dan will investigate instructors. Jeff offered to supply names for Paddleboard instructors if needed.
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - Scott Katz also mentioned the trees in Mindowaskin Park. 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 - Rob Benacchio - Budget time for them as well, going to a vote since it is above the 2% cap. See www.westfieldnj12.org for more information.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Megan Schaffer thanked her department for holding down the fort while she was out. Pool and playground registration is moving along. 3700 active members have rejoined since registration opened. April 4 open registration will occur. A shade structure is going in the kiddie area in early May. It will be complete for opening day!

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
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- **PARKS: Jenn Gilman** – Would like to make a recommendation for Town Council to hire a design firm for the 7 acres in Tamaques Park. The design would follow the Parks master plan by including lit turf fields, permanent ice rink, basketball courts, pickleball courts. Would request that walking trails be included for Memorial and Clark Park while they have the design firm.
- **FIELDS: Jenn Gilman** – EIS field project is moving along. DPW and organizations are meeting along with a survey for a “wish list”.
- **FINANCE: Jenn Gilman** – 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! Volunteers are needed.
 - Now Hiring for Summer playground camp.
 - Spring Program brochure is out!
 - Lifelong Westfield was emailed a survey to complete with their “wish list” ideas.
 - Tour d' Westfield is June 11. Volunteers are needed! Liz will send a sign-up genius.
 - Volleyball 3-8 grade started tonight with 150 participants.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Brightwood Park Erosion Project – Greg O'Neil will work with Gavin Dokko about placement of 10 waddles to start on the hill. No fence will be around the area but signs explaining the project were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Facility AED's – Dani is working on an inventory and all are in working order and replacing what is needed. Also working on a grant for additional units.
- Spring Program Brochure – is out.
- Brightwood Art in the Park Event request – May 13th 10-3pm – all approved.
- Washington-Rochambeau March to Yorktown Day – August 29 12-4pm – all approved.

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

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