

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

April 3, 2023, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL - Roselle Schjong, Liz Chacko, Tim Simon, Tony Stewart & Megan Schaffer absent.
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, December 5, 2022, Meeting - Joe Schaefer approved Russ Howell seconded. All approved
- CHAIRPERSON REPORT - Jenn Gilman reported that the RFP for Tamaques and Sid Fey/Houlihan are being finalized. Nothing to be done immediately but in the works. The library is having their book sale later this month. Donation days are April 19-22 sale is April 26-30.
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING -
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - Scott Katz also mentioned the RFP for Tamaques and Sid Fey/Houlihan. Budget presentations have been ongoing the 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. 5 people running for BOE. Candidates' night is April 13 virtually, questions can be submitted on the link to register for the evening. Look on the district website under PTC. Rob is going to inquire about the Elm St. tennis courts resurfacing at the next facilities meeting, stay tuned.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Dan Conte - So appreciative of the support for the department on Lauren's passing. Dan is counting the days until Megan's return from Family leave. Playground, Pool & Programs are their focus right now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL: Jenn Gilman** -
 - Employee packets were sent out to past employees.
 - Now hiring Lifeguards, Managers, Maintenance & Front desk
- **PARKS: Monica Bergin** - Cross country team put new stone dust on a portion of the course in Tamaques Park that runs along the creek. Tree division is going to plant 2 trees behind lower Tamaques playground and 2 trees along the roadway leading up to the playground to provide a little bit of shade. AED's have been ordered for Mindowaskin and Windsor. The department is working on drawing up a map showing the location of the AEDs for each park. This map will be on the website. Tamaques bathrooms are scheduled to be open on 4/3-4/4. Mindowaskin surface was repaired

but needs to be repaired again. Richie Eubanks is going to meet with the people to find out what a permanent solution will be.

- **FIELDS: Russ Howell** - EIS field project is moving along; contract will be awarded in May. The Rink is down for the season.
- **FINANCE: Amy Berman** - All reports will be forwarded as soon as she receives them
- **PROGRAMS: Jeff Perrella/Linda Johnson** -
 - Me and My Gal dance was successful! Already planning 2024!
 - Now Hiring for Summer playground camp.
 - Jefferson playground camp is almost full. All equipment and supplies have been ordered for playground.
 - Zumba movement is a new class for 4 months - 4 years.
 - Tour d' Westfield is June 11. Volunteers are needed! Liz will send a sign-up genius.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Girl Scout Projects - Approved by Mayor & Council
- Autism Family Day - 4/22 12-2pm

NEW BUSINESS:

- Strategic Parks Plan - Mayor's Opening remarks - RFP is being drawn up.

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

May 1, 2023

June 5, 2023

July 10, 2023

No August meeting

September 11, 2023

October 2, 2023

November 6, 2023

December 4, 2023