

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

April 3, 2023, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL - Roselle Schjong, Tony Stewart, and Rob Benacchio absent.
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, December 5, 2022, Meeting - Ron Feldman approved Amy Berman seconded. All approved
- CHAIRPERSON REPORT - Jenn Gilman reported that Tamaques bathrooms and water filling station are open!!! The mile markers on T1 at Tamaques have been moved out of fair play to the other side of the stone dust walking path.
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING - Lew Kimble 622 Embree Cr. Shade shelters for Sid Fey/Houlihan will be delivered in June. They will be assembled and installed by DPW. Soccer is also very interested in contributing to the building that will be erected at Sid Fey/Houlihan. They would like to include an office for soccer and meeting rooms. They have approached LAX to join them but unfortunately there are not a lot of funds available. Elm St. field is coming along. There are 9x9 games happening now.
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - Scott Katz reminded everyone that the Spring Fling is on Sunday from 10-5 on Central Ave. There are also park cleanups organized by the Green Team at Tamaques and Brightwood from 10-12.
- BOARD of EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT - Jenn Gilman - both budget questions passed by 2/3 majority for question 1 and 60-40 for question 2. This will allow the hiring of 2 SAC's (student assistant counselor) and academic interventionists to help with the loss of learning from the pandemic. Strategic planning goals hopefully will be shared by the end of the 2022-23 school year. Resurfacing of the tennis courts at Elm is not in the foreseeable future. Buildings and Grounds continue to evaluate them.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Megan Schaffer - Pool opens in 1 month! Playground is hiring! Autism day was a big success!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL:** Dan Conte- 7700 members, sending out to wait list. Shade structure will be installed later this month. Still hiring guards if you know anyone!
- **PARKS:** Monica Bergin - The Eagle scout project of a picnic table at Brightwood has been installed.
- **FIELDS:** Russ Howell - EIS field project contract has been awarded and financing will be discussed at the TC meeting.
- **FINANCE:** Amy Berman - April report showed an increase of \$138,000 from 2022. Megan is following up with user fees so they are paid in a more timely fashion.

➤ **PROGRAMS: Jeff Perrella/Linda Johnson -**

- Spring classes have begun!
- Now Hiring for Summer playground camp.
- Jefferson playground camp is full.
- 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.
- May 13 - Art in Brightwood 11-2 no fees but sign up is required.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Brightwood Park Memorial Rock - Huff - will be place down by the bridge by DPW, a plaque will be following.
- Tour de Westfield - see above

NEW BUSINESS:

- Raphael Betancourt - He took the Master Gardner course through Rutgers during covid. He would like to buy 6 zumac bushes to plant on the hill by the parking lot. He would like 6 trees to also be planted in that area, hoping town will donate the trees. - Jenn is getting more information before a final vote.
- Play it Forward event - An Imagine Fundraiser.
- Community Room is getting an ADA door!

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

June 5, 2023

July 10, 2023

No August meeting

September 11, 2023

October 2, 2023

November 6, 2023

December 4, 2023