

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

June 5, 2023, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL - Liz Chacko, Jeff Perrella & Rob Benacchio (BOE) absent.
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, May 1, 2023 meeting - Amy Berman approved Ron Feldman seconded. All approved
- CHAIRPERSON REPORT - Jenn Gilman welcome back to the conference room! Tour De Westfield is coming up on 6/11 hope all can attend. Still need some route markers, should be HS aged and above without a parent.
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING - None
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - Scott Katz Pride month celebration is June 7 at 6pm. Walk from Town Hall to Quimby for refreshments and music. The blue wall in Tamaques needs some painting. Maybe add the W ?
- BOARD of EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT - None
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Megan Schaeffer - Office is very busy! Interview for a Recreation Leader. Will be a broader position than in the past. Duties will include playground camp and Lifelong Westfield. Programs, pool & playground camp are the focus of the department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL: Dan Conte** - Opened Saturday! Membership is almost at capacity. New shade structure is up in the kiddie area and new chairs are spread around the facility. There was a lifeguard certification class, 10 enrolled. July 17 & July 24 there will be another training and a water safety course for all 15+
- **PARKS: Monica Bergin** - Windsor equipment will be installed once it arrives, Megan & Greg will meet to discuss the drop on the basketball court. Mindowaskin fencing and pour in place surface are moving along. Pavilion rental forms are updated and available. This includes the bandstand at Mindowaskin as well. Waiting for batteries for AED's and then the map will be posted.
- **FIELDS: Russ Howell** - EIS field project deadline for referendum is June 15. Committee will schedule a meeting. Green team would like to work with the leagues on encouraging reusable drinking bottles at all parks, additional bottle fillers at the parks?
- **FINANCE: Amy Berman** - All reports will be forwarded once Amy receives them.

- **PROGRAMS: Linda Johnson** - Summer brochure is out. Jefferson playground camp is full. Staff training is this weekend for 65-70 staff members. All summer camps are doing well volleyball has 50 kids enrolled! Community Band will be performing at Carnegie Hall on June 12. Catch them at Mindowaskin on Thursdays in July!

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tour de Westfield - need route markers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Athena Perialis - Girl Scout Gold Award - Native plants to mark where houses stood in Brightwood Park. No labels or history attached.

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

No August meeting

September 11, 2023

October 2, 2023

November 6, 2023

December 4, 2023