

MINUTES

Westfield Recreation Commission

July 10, 2023, 7:30pm

- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
- ROLL CALL - Roselle Schong, Ron Feldman, Russ Howell, Joe Shaffer and Scott Katz absent.
- FLAG SALUTE
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES, June 5, 2023 meeting - Amy Berman approved Tony Stewart seconded. All approved
- CHAIRPERSON REPORT - **Jenn Gilman** congratulated Jeff Perella and Liz Chacko of a fantastic Tour de Westfield. Over 600 registered, great feedback. Communication boards have been installed at Sycamore and Mindowaskin playgrounds. Fence was also installed at Mindowaskin and it looks great. Pool and Playground are successful so far.
- PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING - None
- TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT - None
- BOARD of EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT - BOE is working on a 5 year strategic plan. The budget process has begun and will go to vote. Communication boards are going to be added to the new Lincoln playground.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT - **Megan Schaffer** - Playground has been in session for 3 weeks. Carnival will be at Memorial this year and Harmer games will be at Tamaques park this year. Memorial Pool is up and running. Surface at Mindowaskin has been repaired.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **POOL: Tony Stewart** - Membership is at capacity. We will keep a wait list. 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** - see Chairperson & Directors reports.
- **FIELDS: Russ Howell** - None
- **FINANCE: Amy Berman** - All reports will be forwarded once Amy receives them.
- **PROGRAMS: Linda Johnson** - 551 are enrolled in playground program. Summer sports programs are full. The band is playing in Mindowaskin the month of July on Thursday evenings. The brochure for fall programing is being finalized. Linda has also secured a grant from the Westfield Foundation to have a handiman available to residents. Residents are not charged for labor but do have to supply the materials needed for the jobs.

OLD BUSINESS:

- AED at Facilities - up and running 2 additional have been ordered for Mindowaskin and Windsor. A pdf map was sent to user groups and will be posted on the website under parks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Columbus Day event at Mindowaskin: October 8 10am-12pm co-sponsored by Westfield UNICO and Westfield Italian American club. Jeff made a motion to approve, Amy seconded. All approved.
- Paint the Pond at Mindowaskin August 12 11am-1pm. - All approved
- Cupid Race on February 10 - More feedback is needed. Magan and Jenn will reach out to the organizers.
- Recreation Kids Trust Grant - The deadline is August 30 for this grant. Megan will fill out the necessary paperwork and if awarded the money will be used toward Memorial Playground which needs to be updated.

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

September 11, 2023

October 2, 2023

November 6, 2023

December 4, 2023