

WOODBRIAGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION COMMISSION APROVED MEETING MINUTES Monday, May 23, 2016

PRESENT:

Commission Members: Stan Gedansky, Pennell Hamilton, Robert Hill, David Lunt, Dwight Rowland, Jane Shernow, and Andrea Weinstein

Staff: John Adamovich, Recreation Director, Anthony Taddei, County Club Pool Director, Theresa Burr- Bahner, Pool Director, Bill Banick, Yoga Instructor

Public: Roger Sherman, Rosalie Rowland, Carolyn Wolff, and Jeff Block

Recorder: Jim Franco, Office Manager

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 pm

- 1 Public Comments: **A)** Woodbridge Rec. Yoga Instructor, Bill Banick addresses the need to have a consistent yoga room. He mentions how yoga, both his class and yoga instructor, Diane King, get displaced due to being a changing room for summer concerts, being closed on holidays, and finally during elections, yoga is not able to use the room. Jim Franco explained that during the elections, the request comes from the Registrar's Office, not to have activities in the Center Building due to the increased traffic, and no place to park in the Center Building parking areas. John Adamovich expressed that this is why we need a Rec. Center. Dwight explained how his meeting had to be moved four times during that election. **B)** Roger Sherman expressed how the open house should have been two days. He also believes that the Country Club Pool should have their own Facebook page. Bob Hill thanked Roger for pushing it on Roger's Facebook page. Bob explained that Jim worked with Karen to get the Town and Country Club webpages linked together better. Jim explained that the Town is not in favor of each Department having their own Facebook page. The Town has its own Facebook page. John explained that before anything gets posted on the webpages, the Town approves it, first. Roger went on to mention that he believe people are joining the Country Club Pool to support the pool. He mentioned the need to accommodate those with special needs. John and Theresa mention how we have such programs at the pool in the Beecher School. John hires individuals to work with those with special needs. Roger thanked the Commission, and mentioned it was good seeing everyone at the open house. **C)** Carolyn Wolff addressed the Commission. She mentions how she has been enrolled in Bill's yoga class for twelve years. She asks, why can't we be open when the fitness center is open? Jim clarified how yoga cannot have programming on holidays, while the Fitness Center is open on holidays. John expressed that the Fitness Center is a Recreation Dept. room, and we take care of those two rooms. Room 16 is a Town run room that we use for yoga. If that room were to be opened, we would need to bring a custodian in for a minimum of 4 hours. John re-stated that we need our own Rec. Center. Bob mentioned that even if we do inhabit the "Old Firehouse", it may be the same situation for the second floor meeting room. Carolyn explains that the yoga students clean the room. Her other concern was

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- that the students are no longer allowed to leave their shoes in bins outside the room. **D)** Rosalie Rowland starting by saying that she does not know if she is for or against the Country Club, but believes that the Commission should remain neutral and confidential. Bob inquired for an example. Rosalie claims that at the Annual Town Meeting, family names were mentioned that took memberships. Bob recalls thanking those that volunteered. He mentioned the pool rates of \$300 for individual, \$500 for a couple, and \$700, for a family membership. Rosalie asks to refrain from mentioning specific names that have signed up. Anthony Taddei goes on to mention that he does not give out his email list.
2. One Innocent Life-Eva Block 5K Road Race – Jeff Block addressed the Commission about his upcoming Road Race on Saturday, June 18. John explained that Recreation will be providing, cones, tents, tables, and chairs. The Road Race is entitled “Beat the Heat”. It is to raise fire awareness. He explained how his daughter, Eva, was killed, along with two other students, in a dorm fire. Jeff thanked John Adamovich and the Rec. Dept. for their support. Jeff mentioned that the event will be from 7 am to 1 pm. They will have food trucks and live music after the race. He explained how they use the same great flat course that is used for the Woodbridge Road Race. Hopefully this will spread the word. Theresa asked Jeff to let her know if he needs helpers for the event.
 3. Minutes: **Pennell Hamilton made a motion to approve the Special Recreation meeting minutes of Monday, April 25, 2016. Bob Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Dwight Rowland and Andrea Weinstein abstained.**
 4. Pool – **Dwight Rowland made a motion to discuss the pool. Bob Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor.** Theresa mentioned how the pool is doing well. We are getting set to run summer swim lessons for the first time in three years. They will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays. Theresa mentioned how we accommodate those with special needs. B) The pool is clean. Christopher and the pool custodians are on top everything.
 5. Liaison Reports: A) no report
 6. Town Plan – no new report
 7. Field Fees – Bob thanked Jim for the field fee comparison chart. Currently, the field rental fee for those that do not meet the 50% Woodbridge resident rule is \$25 per field, per day. A new rate needs to be looked into. Adam should be consulted over the cost of the maintenance for the fields. \$25 per field per hour should be looked at. This will be looked at in depth at the next meeting, so more of the Commission can compare the fees that other Town’s charge.
 8. Country Club Pool: A) Anthony Taddei mentioned the success of the two work days. The first day, took care of leaves, debris, and the volleyball court. The second focused on light work related projects. The Scouts put out the lawn furniture. B) Anthony explained that they had a table at the Westville Art Walk Festival, and there were inquiries about the Country Club. C) The open house was amazing. Forty-six signed up in one day. That was the most one day sign up. D) There was a tent event the day before. Master Kim of World Champion Taekwondo had an event of over 200 people. It raised \$800. He wanted to support the Country Club. E) We are up to 71 members. The initial goal is 80. F) Anthony suggested a towel rental fee of \$5 per day. If they return the towel,

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the person would get \$2 back, and the Town would get \$3. John inquired about the cost of the towel. Anthony said that the towel's cost is \$7 each. So, John suggested to charge \$7, and give \$2 back. G) Bob interjected that the goal needs to be 110 memberships. He also stated the Boards of Selectmen and Finance were against towel service. Pennell interjected that that was if it was for free. It might be different if we were making money. Jane thinks it is a genius idea. Anthony Taddei will call Tony. H) The iPad situation was a big concern. Anthony suggested to continue to bring the fees to the pro shop with a better sign in system and daily log book. He suggested rotating a lifeguard on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, from 10:30 to 6:30. Credit cards account for only 20% of the daily fees. Bob explains that the pro shop is in business for the pro shop. Incorrect prices were being charged. They are busy dealing with their customers. Bob was concerned that a system is not in place for opening day. He explained that the same set-up that the food court uses should be in place for the Country Club fees. So, now until school lets out, cash or check only. Have an iPad in place for June 20th. Dave Lunt work with Jim, Anthony, and Tony to get this set-up. I) Roger Sherman mentioned how golf is looking for a 1 year expansion.

9. Personnel: The Summer Camp Big Camp staff and personnel were listed. Dwight questioned the Director's salaries. Jim explained how their hours are 8 am to 1 pm. John mentioned how they put in more hours than that. However, the pre-school camp staff was not ready at the present date. The Commission mentioned the need of a special meeting, this week to approve the pre-school camp. Dwight Rowland **made a motion to approve the recommended candidates for summer camp employment based that they have passed their background checks and sex offender list. Stan Gedansky seconded the motion.** Bob Hill commented that he is voting for the structure, and the overall concept, and not specifically for his daughter. **All voted in favor.**
10. Fitness Center: A) Everything is fine. At times, Erast shows slides shows of his trips, and also has homemade coffee. Erast, Rob, Pete and Joe do a great job.
11. Outdoor Facilites: A) Walking Trails - great – June 4th is a Running Club Fun Run. There are 82 participants in the Running Club. B) Multi-Purpose fields- Adam taking great care. C. Sports – Spring sports running well, and winding down.
12. Tennis Courts: Beecher and Center courts are being used. Jane inquired if backboards can be placed on the Center Courts. John replied that they cannot. Anthony Taddei mentioned that Greg Sansoneti will be doing clinics at the County Club. He also mentioned that Frank Lorensetti who is purchasing Tennis Central, would be interested in running tournaments at the Country Club. He would pay the Town a fee which could help fund lines and hard-tru for the courts.
13. Financial: Director's Report, Budget, Report: On target. Current expenses, we are at 80.1%. Last year we were at 84.5%. The previous year, we were at 90.6%. The current income was \$139,737.637 at 66.8.3%. Last year at this time it was 150,556.26, 65.9%. The Country Club Pool expenses are at 81.9 %. Last year at this time they were at 71.7%

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14. Programs: A) John stated how Theresa and Christopher do a fantastic job with swim lessons and the daily operations of the pool. They go above and beyond.
15. Summer Concerts: Jim included in the packet the new contract that we are using for the summer concerts that Gerry Weiner set-up.
16. Correspondence: A). Thank you letter from the Fire Department's Fire Chief Sean Rowland for the donation Recreation made to the Snowflake Dance and Auction.
B) Letter from Bill Banick about yoga being displaced during primaries and elections.
17. Policies and Procedures: A) no report

Bob Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dwight Rowland seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.