

# WOODBIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

John Adamovich – Recreation Director

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RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, September 26, 2016

## PRESENT:

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

Staff: John Adamovich, Recreation Director, Christopher Burr-Bahner, Assistant Pool Director, Anthony Taddei, Country Club Pool Director, and Kathy Adamovich, Road Race and Summer Concert Coordinator.

Recorder: Jim Franco, Office Manager

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 pm

1. Public Comments: **A)** none
2. Minutes: **David Lunt made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday, July 25, 2016. Andrea Weinstein seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Dwight Rowland abstained.**
3. Liaison Reports: A) – no report
4. Town Plan – no report
5. Shuffleboard Court- Recreation is looking at the location next to the bocce court for the shuffleboard court.
6. Country Club Pool: A) Anthony Taddei reports that the Country Club Pool ended with 171 members. He thanked the Recreation Commission, Recreation Director, John Adamovich, and Recreation Office Manager, Jim Franco, for all their help. The extended weekend with the Ice Cream Bar went well. A member paid for the ice cream for the end of the year Ice Cream Social. The pool closed on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and the cover was put on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Winter chemicals still need to be added. The water lines need to be blown out by the Town. Tables and chairs are locked in the clubhouse. Casper will be vacating the building on October 31<sup>st</sup>. B) Anthony stated that Greg McMillan from CT Custom Aquatics explained that the pool will require plastering in the near future. It will be a major expenditure if water gets behind the structure and it can become compromised. C) The total number of patrons that passed thru the gate was at 11,059. D) Income is at \$118,548. Anthony expects that to be the breakeven point. Pennell said that the breakeven point is an accomplishment. It was a tremendous season and should be proud. Bob inquired from Anthony if he knew how many members would return. Dwight suggested to use “survey monkey”. Anthony estimated that 90% would return. There is still a possibility that the pool will be back next season. E) Anthony explained the petition situation. He stated that a member headed the petition. He did not tell people to sign the petition. He did pull it from the gate area. F) Andrea inquired about the tent and Anthony said that the tent will be coming down in mid-October.

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7. Pool – Swim Lessons are full. The pool was closed for emergency light repair, but they have been fixed.
8. Road Race: Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The shirts will be ready for Saturday. The gift bags will be done on Thursday evening at 7pm in the Rec. Office. Volunteers for Saturday are asked to arrive for 8am.
9. Summer Concerts: Kathy presented a report. The Summer Concert kicked off with the “Taste of Woodbridge”. Betsy Yagla planned the event. Recreation did the set-up. The weather was beautiful all four weeks. Two new food trucks were Poppy’s Pizza and Christiano’s Mobile. Week 3 featured a new idea, Rec-A-Rama, in which Recreation programs were on demonstration, and some programs had participation. Bob suggested that for future years that groups like Woodbridge Soccer, Amity Youth Lacrosse, and Beth-Wood Baseball also have a table. New Woodbridge Superintendent of Schools, Bob Gilbert was at the concerts greeting students. Finally, the license fees were questioned. Jim explained this gives the right to have bands play other people’s music. Each musical act may belong to a different agency, so this way by having all three licenses, we are covered.
10. Donation to Truck or Treat: John presented the Commission to donate \$500 to the Fire Department’s Trunk or Treat. Last year the program was very successful. There will be food and fireworks again this year. **Dwight Rowland made a motion to donate \$500 from the Road Race account to the Fire Association’s Truck or Treat. Stan Gedansky seconded the motion. All voted in favor. David Lunt abstained.**
11. Personnel: Present in the packet were Sports Leaders Robert Moffa, Daniel, Parker, Pranpariya Boonyalai, Christian Tzepos, Brian Early, and Swim Instructors Lillian Morrisey, and Cassidy Marchitto. All have passed their background checks and sex offender list checks. They will be starting at \$9.60 per hour. **Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve the 5 Sports Leaders and 2 Swim Instructors. Andrea Weinstein seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**
12. Fitness Center: A) Going fine. We are in the process of obtaining prices for the Nustep recumbent bike and the Life Fitness Upright Bike in our capital budget.
13. Outdoor Facilites: A) Walking Trail – Great shape. Sixty-Eight members are in the Running Club. Instructors include: Sandy Simowitz, John Vigliotti, Gerry Case, Brian Hocking, Visna Ngov, and John Adamovich. John will have Adam bring in some mulch where roots are sticking up. B) Multi-purpose fields Great shape. –C) Sports- Dwight mentioned that Adam is working on the infield of Acorn 2. Acorn 1 was done last year. John stated that Adam is working on dugouts on West River 1 & 2.
14. Tennis Courts: Being used heavily.
15. Financial: Director’s Report, Budget, Report: Current expenses, we are at 38.4%. Last year we were at 33.2%. The previous year, we were at 33.3%. Jim stated that expenses are up because the pool was closed the past 2 summers, and we did not have swim lessons, either. That was saving in lifeguards and our

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custodial staff. The current income was \$27,980.01 at 10.2%. Last year at this time it was at 15.8%. Jim noted that we started Rec. Camp one week earlier this year, and those revenues went into last year's budget.

16. Programs: A) Fantastic, over 288 registered in programs and 91 registered in swim lessons
17. Correspondence: A) Beecher Physical Education "Learn to Swim" Program request. Bob suggested for Anthony to work it out with Theresa, and John. Their request would cut the Adult Swim time from 2.5 hours to 1.75 hours. **B) Amity Travel Field request. Dwight Rowland made a motion to approve the Amity Travel Soccer field request. Bob Hill seconded the motion. All voted in favor.** For next year's field requests, we need for the organizations to give us their schedule back once the season begins, to see if field space has become available. A follow up is needed to accommodate people shut out. For the January request, April 1 is the due date. For the June request, September 1 is the due date.
18. Policies and Procedures: A) no report
19. Other Business no report

**Stan Gedansky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**